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1 Anthony Gianasca (“Plaintiff”) and the Estate of the late Barbara Caldwell (collectively
2 referred to as “Plaintiffs”), individually and on behalf of a Class of all those similarly situated in
3 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bring this action for damages and injunctive relief under
4 state and federal antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws against the
5 Defendants named herein, demanding trial by jury, and complaining and alleging as follows:
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8 **I. INTRODUCTION**

9 1. Plaintiffs bring this antitrust class action on behalf of individuals and entities that
10 indirectly purchased Cathode Ray Tube Products (“CRT Products”) (as further defined below),
11 in the United States from Defendants, their predecessors, any subsidiaries or affiliates thereof,
12 or any of their named and unnamed co-conspirators, during the period beginning at least as early
13 as March 1, 1995 until at least November 25, 2007 (the “Class Period”). Plaintiffs allege that
14 during the Class Period the Defendants conspired to fix, raise, maintain and/or stabilize prices of
15 CRT Products sold in the United States. Because of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and
16 other Class Members paid artificially inflated prices for CRT Products and have suffered antitrust
17 injury to their business or property.

18 2. As further detailed below, beginning in at least 1995, Defendants Samsung, Philips,
19 Daewoo, LG and Chunghwa met or talked with at least one other Defendant in order to discuss
20 and agree upon CRT Product prices and the amount of CRT Products each would produce. Over
21 time, these Defendants reached out to the other Defendant and co-conspirator CRT Product
22 manufacturers, including Toshiba, Panasonic, Hitachi, BMCC, IRICO, Thomson, Mitsubishi,
23 Thai CRT and Samtel, who then also met or talked with their competitors for the purpose of
24 fixing the prices of CRT Products. By 1997, a formal system of multilateral and bilateral
25 meetings was in place, involving the highest levels of the Defendant corporations, all with the
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1 sole purpose of fixing the prices of CRT Products at supracompetitive levels.

2 3. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants' conspiracy was effective in moderating
3 the normal downward pressure on prices for CRT Products caused by periods of oversupply and
4 competition from new technologies, such as TFT-LCD and Plasma. Defendants' conspiracy
5 resulted in unusually stable pricing and even rising prices in a very mature, declining market. As
6 a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and Class members paid higher prices for
7 CRT Products than they would have paid in a competitive market.

9 4. This global conspiracy is being investigated by the Antitrust Division of the
10 United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"), and by several other international competition
11 authorities. On February 10, 2009, a federal grand jury in San Francisco issued a two-count
12 indictment against C.Y. Lin, the former Chairman and CEO of Defendant Chunghwa Picture
13 Tubes, Ltd., for his participation in a global conspiracy to fix the prices of CRTs used in computer
14 monitors and televisions. This is the first indictment to be issued in the DOJ's ongoing
15 investigation into the CRT industry.

17 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

18 5. This action is instituted under Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26, to
19 obtain injunctive relief for violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, to recover
20 damages under state antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws, and to recover
21 costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for the injuries that Plaintiff and all others
22 similarly situated sustained as a result of the Defendants' violations of those laws.

24 6. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the federal claim under 28 U.S.C. §§
25 1331 and 1337. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims under 28
26 U.S.C. § 1367 because those claims are so related to the federal claim that they form part of the
27 same case or controversy.

1 7. This court also has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant
2 to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, which amended 28 U.S.C § 1332 to add a new
3 subsection (d) conferring federal jurisdiction over class actions where, as here, “any member of
4 a class of Plaintiff is a citizen of a state different from any Defendant and the aggregated amount
5 in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs.” This Court also has
6 jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because “one or more members of the class is a citizen
7 of a state within the United States and one or more of the Defendants is a citizen or subject of a
8 foreign state.”

10 8. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to Section 12 of the Clayton Act
11 (15 U.S.C. § 22) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b), (c) and (d), because during the Class Period one or
12 more of the Defendants resided, transacted business, was found, or had agents in, this district,
13 and because a substantial part of the events giving rise to Plaintiff’s claims occurred in this
14 district, and a substantial portion of the affected portion of the interstate trade and commerce
15 described below has been carried out in this district.

17 9. Defendants conduct business throughout the United States, including this
18 jurisdiction, and they have purposefully availed themselves of the laws of the United States,
19 including specifically the laws of the state of California and the individual states listed herein.
20 Defendants’ products are sold in the flow of interstate commerce, and Defendants’ activities had
21 a direct, substantial and reasonably foreseeable effect on such commerce.

23 10. Defendants’ conspiracy to fix the prices of CRT Products substantially affected
24 commerce throughout the United States and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts because
25 Defendants directly or through their agents, engaged in activities affecting each such state.
26 Defendants have purposefully availed themselves of the laws of each of the states identified
27 herein in connection with their activities relating to the production, marketing, and sale and/or
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1 distribution of CRT Products. Defendants produced, promoted, sold, marketed, and/or
2 distributed CRT Products, thereby purposefully profiting from access to indirect purchaser
3 consumers in each such state. As a result of the activities herein, Defendants:

- 4 a. Caused damage to the residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- 5 b. Caused damage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by acts or
6 omissions committed outside the Commonwealth by regularly doing or soliciting in the
7 Commonwealth;
- 8 c. Engaged in a persistent course of conduct within the Commonwealth of
9 Massachusetts and/or derived substantial revenue from the marketing and sale of CRT Products
10 in the Commonwealth; and
- 11 d. Committed acts or omissions that they knew or should have known would
12 cause damage (and, in fact, did cause damage) in each such state while regularly doing or
13 soliciting business in each such state, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct in each
14 such state, and/or deriving substantial revenue from the marketing and sale of CRT Products in
15 each such state.

16 11. The conspiracy described herein adversely affected every person nationwide, and
17 more particularly, consumers in the Commonwealth, who indirectly purchased Defendants' and
18 their co-conspirators' CRT Products. Defendants' conspiracy has resulted in an adverse
19 monetary effect on indirect purchasers in the Commonwealth.

20 12. Prices of CRT Products in Commonwealth of Massachusetts were raised to
21 supracompetitive levels by the Defendants and their co-conspirators. Defendants knew that
22 commerce in CRT Products in Commonwealth of Massachusetts would be adversely affected by
23 implementing their conspiracy.

III. DEFINITIONS

13. As used herein, the term "CRT" or "CRTs" stands for "cathode ray tube(s)." A CRT is a display technology used in televisions, computer monitors and other specialized applications. The CRT is a vacuum tube that is coated on its inside face with light sensitive phosphors. An electron gun at the back of the vacuum tube emits electron beams. When the electron beams strike the phosphors, the phosphors produce either red, green, or blue light. A system of magnetic fields inside the CRT, as well as varying voltages, directs the beams to produce the desired colors. This process is rapidly repeated several times per second to produce the desired images.

14. There are two types of CRTs: color display tubes (“CDTs”) which are used in computer monitors and other specialized applications; and color picture tubes (“CPTs”) which are used in televisions. CDTs and CPTs are collectively referred to herein as “cathode ray tubes” or “CRTs.”

15. As used herein "CRT Products" includes (a) CRTs; and (b) products containing CRTs, such as television sets and computer monitors.

16. The "Class Period" or "relevant period" means the period beginning at least March 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.

17. “Person” means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other business or legal entity.

18. “OEM” means any Original Equipment Manufacturer of CRT Products.

IV. PLAINTIFFS

19. Plaintiffs Anthony Ganasca and Barbara Caldwell are Massachusetts residents. During the relevant period, Mr. Ganasca and Mrs. Caldwell indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the

1 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint including the violations of Massachusetts General
2 Laws 93A.

3 **V. DEFENDANTS**

4 **LG Electronics Entities**

5 20. Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of Korea
6 with its principal place of business located at LG Twin Towers, 20 Yeouido-dong,
7 Yeoungdeungpo-gu, Seoul 150-721, South Korea. LG Electronics, Inc. is a \$48.5 billion global
8 force in consumer electronics, home appliances and mobile communications, which established
9 its first overseas branch office in New York in 1968. The company's name was changed from
10 GoldStar Communications to LG Electronics, Inc. in 1995, the year in which it also acquired
11 Zenith in the United States. In 2001, LG Electronics, Inc. transferred its CRT business to a
12 50/50 CRT joint venture with Defendant Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. a/k/a Royal
13 Philips Electronics N.V. forming Defendant LG. Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays
14 International, Ltd.). During the Class Period, LG Electronics, Inc. manufactured, marketed, sold
15 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,
16 to customers throughout the United States.

17 21. Defendant LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. ("LGEUSA") is a Delaware corporation
18 with its principal place of business located at 1000 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ
19 07632. LG Electronics USA, Inc. is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of
20 Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. During the class period, LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc.
21 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
22 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant
23 LG Electronics, Inc. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of
24 LGEUSA relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

1 22. Defendant LG Electronics Taiwan Taipei Co., Ltd. (“LGETT”) is a Taiwanese
2 entity with its principal place of business located at 7F, No.47, Lane3, Jihu Road, NeiHu District,
3 Taipei City, Taiwan. LGETT is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of
4 Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. During the class period, LGETT manufactured, marketed,
5 sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or
6 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant LG Electronics, Inc.
7 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of LGETT relating to the
8 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

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10 23. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc., LGEUSA, and LGETT are collectively
11 referred to herein as “LG.”

12 **Philips Entities**

13 24. Defendant Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. a/k/a Royal Philips Electronics
14 N.V. (“Royal Philips”) is a Dutch company with its principal place of business located at
15 Amstelplein 2, Breitner Center, 1070 MX Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Royal Philips, founded
16 in 1891, is one of the world’s largest electronics companies, with 160,900 employees located in
17 over 60 countries. Royal Philips had sole ownership of its CRT business until 2001. In 2001,
18 Royal Philips transferred its CRT business to a 50/50 CRT joint venture with defendant LG
19 Electronics, Inc. forming Defendant LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays International, Ltd.).

20 25. In December 2005, as a result of increased pressure on demand and prices for CRT
21 Products, Royal Philips wrote off the remaining book value of 126 million Euros of its investment
22 and said it would not inject further capital into the joint venture. During the Class Period, Royal
23 Philips manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or
24 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

25 26. Defendant Philips Electronics North America Corporation (“PENAC”) is a

1 Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 1251 Avenue of the Americas,
2 New York, NY 10020-1104. Philips Electronics NA is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary
3 of Defendant Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Electronics NA manufactured,
4 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its
5 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Royal Philips
6 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of PENAC relating to the
7 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

9 27. Defendant Philips Electronics Industries (Taiwan), Ltd. (“Philips Electronics
10 Taiwan”) is a Taiwanese company with its principal place of business located at 15F 3-1 Yuanqu
11 Street, Nangang District, Taipei, Taiwan. Philips Electronics Taiwan is a subsidiary of Defendant
12 Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Electronics Taiwan manufactured, marketed, sold
13 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,
14 to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Royal Philips dominated and
15 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Philips Electronics Taiwan relating to the
16 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

18 28. Defendant Philips da Amazonia Industria Electronica Ltda. (“Philips Brazil”) is a
19 Brazilian company with its principal place of business located at Av Torquato Tapajos 2236, 1
20 andar (parte 1), Flores, Manaus, AM 39048-660, Brazil. Philips Brazil is a wholly-owned and
21 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Brazil
22 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
23 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Royal
24 Philips dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Philips Brazil
25 relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

27 29. Defendants Royal Philips, PENAC, Philips Electronics Taiwan and Philips Brazil
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are collectively referred to herein as "Philips."

LP Displays

30. Defendant LP Displays International, Ltd. f/k/a LG.Philips Displays (“LPDisplays”) was created in 2001 as a 50/50 joint venture between Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips Electronics of The Netherlands. In March 2007, LP Displays became an independent company organized under the laws of Hong Kong with its principal place of business located at Corporate Communications, 6th Floor, ING Tower, 308 Des Voeux Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong. LP Displays is a leading supplier of CRTs for use in television sets and computer monitors with annual sales for 2006 of over \$2 billion, and a market share of 27%. LP Displays announced in March 2007 that Royal Philips and LG Electronics would cede control over the company and the shares would be owned by financial institutions and private equity firms. During the Class Period, LP Displays manufactured, marketed, sold and distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

Samsung Entities

31. Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (“SEC”) is South Korean company with its principal place of business located at Samsung Main Building, 250, 2-ga, Taepyong-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul 100-742, South Korea. During the Class Period, SEC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

32. Defendant Samsung Electronics America, Inc. ("SEAI") is a New York corporation with its principal place of business located at 105 Challenger Road, 6th Floor, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660. SEAI is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of

1 Defendant SEC. During the Class Period, SEAI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed
2 CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers
3 throughout the United States. Defendant SEC dominated and controlled the finances,
4 policies, and affairs of SEAI relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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6 33. Defendant Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. f/k/a Samsung Display Device Co., Ltd.
7 (“Samsung SDI”), is a South Korean company with its principal place of business located at 15th
8 18th Floor, Samsung Life Insurance Building, 150, 2-ga, Taepyong-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, 100-716,
9 South Korea. Samsung SDI is a public company. SEC is a major shareholder holding almost 20
10 percent of the stock. Founded in 1970, Samsung SDI claims to be the world’s leading company
11 in the display and energy businesses, with 28,000 employees and facilities in 18 countries. In
12 2002, Samsung SDI held a 34.3% worldwide market share in the market for CRTs; more than
13 another other producer. Samsung SDI has offices in Chicago and San Diego. During the Class
14 Period, Samsung SDI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either
15 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United
16 States. Defendant SEC dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of
17 Samsung SDI relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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19 34. Defendant Samsung SDI America, Inc. (“Samsung SDI America”) is a California
20 corporation with its principal place of business located at 3333 Michelson Drive, Suite 700,
21 Irvine, California. Samsung SDI America is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of
22 Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI America manufactured, marketed, sold
23 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,
24 to customers throughout the United States. Defendants SEC and Samsung SDI dominated
25 and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI America relating to
26 the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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1 35. Defendant Samsung SDI Mexico S.A. de C.V. (“Samsung SDI Mexico”) is a
2 Mexican company with its principal place of business located at Blvd. Los Olivos, No.21014,
3 Parque Industrial El Florido, Tijuana, B.C. Mexico. Samsung SDI Mexico is a wholly owned and
4 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Mexico
5 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products to customers, either directly or
6 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, throughout the United States. Defendants SEC
7 and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung
8 SDI Mexico relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

10 36. Defendant Samsung SDI Brasil Ltda. (“Samsung SDI Brazil”) is a Brazilian
11 company with its principal place of business located at Av. Eixo Norte Sul, S/N, Distrito
12 Industrial, 69088-480 Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Samsung SDI Brazil is a wholly owned and
13 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Brazil
14 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products to customers, either directly or
15 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, throughout the United States. Defendants SEC
16 and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung
17 SDI Brazil relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

19 37. Defendant Shenzhen Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. (“Samsung SDI Shenzhen”) is a
20 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at Huanggang Bei Lu, FutianGu,
21 Shenzhen, China. Samsung SDI Shenzhen is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of
22 Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Shenzhen manufactured,
23 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its
24 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendants SEC and
25 Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung
26 SDI Shenzhen relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

1 38. Defendant Tianjin Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. (“Samsung SDI Tianjin”) is a Chinese
2 company with its principal place of business located at Developing Zone of Yi-Xian Park,
3 Wuqing County, Tianjin, China. Samsung SDI Tianjin is a wholly owned and controlled
4 subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Tianjin
5 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
6 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendants
7 SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of
8 Samsung SDI Tianjin relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

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10 39. Defendant Samsung SDI (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (“Samsung SDI Malaysia”) is a
11 Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 635 & 660, Kawasan
12 Perindustrian, Tuanku, Jaafar, 71450 Sungai Gadut, Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus, Malaysia.
13 Samsung SDI Malaysia is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI
14 Co., Ltd. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or
15 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to
16 customers throughout the United States. Defendants SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and
17 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI Malaysia relating to the
18 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

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20 40. Defendants SEC, SEAI, Samsung SDI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI
21 Mexico, Samsung SDI Brazil, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, Samsung SDI Tianjin, and Samsung
22 SDI Malaysia are referred to collectively herein as “Samsung.”

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24 **Toshiba Entities**

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26 41. Defendant Toshiba Corporation is a Japanese corporation with its principal place
27 of business at 1-1, Shibaura 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8001, Japan. In 2001, Toshiba
28 Corporation held a 5-10 % worldwide market share for CRTs used in televisions and computer

1 monitors. In December 1995, Toshiba Corporation partnered with Orion Electric Company
2 (n/k/a Daewoo Electronics Corporation) and two other non-defendant entities to form P.T.
3 Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) in Indonesia. TEDI was projected to have an
4 annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. In 2002, Toshiba Corporation entered
5 into a joint venture with Defendant Panasonic Corporation called MT Picture Display Co., Ltd.
6 in which the entities consolidated their CRT businesses. During the Class Period, Toshiba
7 Corporation manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or
8 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.
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10 42. Defendant Toshiba America, Inc. (“Toshiba America”) is a Delaware corporation
11 with its principal place of business located at 1251 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 4110, New
12 York, NY 10020. Toshiba America is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant
13 Toshiba Corporation. During the Class Period, Toshiba America sold and/or distributed CRT
14 Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout
15 the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the finances,
16 policies, and affairs of Toshiba America relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this
17 Complaint.
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19 43. Defendant Toshiba America Consumer Products, LLC (“TACP”) is headquartered
20 in 82 Totawa Rd., Wayne, New Jersey 07470-3114. TACP is a wholly owned and controlled
21 subsidiary of Defendant Toshiba Corporation through Toshiba America. During the Class Period,
22 TACP sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries
23 or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation
24 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TACP relating to the
25 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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27 44. Defendant Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. (“TAIP”) is a California
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1 corporation with its principal place of business located at 9740 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, California
2 92718. TAIP is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Toshiba Corporation through
3 Toshiba America, Inc. During the Class Period, TAIP manufactured, marketed, sold and/or
4 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to
5 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and
6 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TAIP relating to the antitrust violations
7 alleged in this Complaint.

9 45. Defendant Toshiba America Electronics Components, Inc. (“TAEC”) is a
10 California corporation with its principal place of business located at 9775 Toledo Way, Irvine,
11 California 92618, and 19000 MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 400, Irvine, California 92612. TAEC
12 is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Toshiba America, Inc., which is a holding
13 company for defendant Toshiba Corporation. TAEC is currently the North American sales and
14 marketing representative for defendant MTPD. Before MTPD’s formation in 2003, TAEC was
15 the North American engineering, manufacturing, marketing and sales arm of defendant Toshiba
16 Corporation. During the Class Period, TAEC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed
17 CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers
18 throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the
19 finances, policies, and affairs of TAEC relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this
20 Complaint.

23 46. Toshiba Display Devices (Thailand) Company, Ltd. (“TDDT”) was a Thai
24 company with its principal place of business located at 142 Moo 5 Bangkadi Industrial Estate,
25 Tivanon Road, Pathum Thani, Thailand 12000. TDDT was a wholly owned and controlled
26 subsidiary of defendant Toshiba Corporation. Toshiba Corporation transferred Toshiba Thailand
27 to its CRT joint venture with Panasonic Corporation, MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., in 2003. It
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1 was re-named as MT Picture Display (Thailand) Co., Ltd. and operated as a wholly owned
2 subsidiary of MT Picture Display until its closure in 2007. During the Class Period, TDDT
3 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
4 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant
5 Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of
6 TDDT relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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8 47. P.T. Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) was a CRT joint venture
9 formed by Toshiba Corporation, Orion Electric Company and two other non-defendant entities in
10 December 1995. TEDI’s principal place of business was located in Indonesia. TEDI was
11 projected to have an annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. In 2003, TEDI
12 was transferred to MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. and its name was changed to PT.MT Picture
13 Display Indonesia. During the Class Period, TEDI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or
14 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to
15 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and
16 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TEDI relating to the antitrust violations
17 alleged in this Complaint.
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19 48. Defendants Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba America, Inc., TACP, TAIP, TAEC,
20 TDDT and TEDI are referred to collectively herein as “Toshiba.”
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22 **Panasonic Entities**

23 49. Defendant Panasonic Corporation, which was at all times during the Class Period
24 known as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. and only became Panasonic Corporation on
25 October 1, 2008, is a Japanese entity with its principal place of business located at 1006 Oaza
26 Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501, Japan. In 2002, Panasonic Corporation entered into a
27 CRT joint venture with defendant Toshiba forming defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd.
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1 (“MTPD”). Panasonic Corporation was the majority owner with 64.5 percent. On April 3, 2007,
2 Panasonic Corporation purchased the remaining 35.5 percent stake in the joint venture, making
3 MTPD a wholly-owned subsidiary of Panasonic Corporation. In 2005, the Panasonic brand had
4 the highest CRT Product revenue in Japan. During the Class Period, Panasonic Corporation
5 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
6 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.
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8 50. Defendant Panasonic Corporation of North America (“Panasonic NA”) is a
9 Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at One Panasonic Way,
10 Secaucus, New Jersey. Panasonic NA is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant
11 Panasonic Corporation. During the Class Period, Panasonic NA manufactured, marketed, sold
12 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,
13 to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Panasonic Corporation dominated and
14 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Panasonic NA relating to the antitrust
15 violations alleged in this Complaint.
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17 51. Matsushita Electronic Corporation (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. (“Matsushita Malaysia”)
18 was a Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 1, Persiaran Tengku
19 Ampuan Section 21, Shah Alam Industrial Site, Shah Alam, Malaysia 40000. Matsushita
20 Malaysia was a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Panasonic Corporation.
21 Panasonic Corporation transferred Matsushita Malaysia to its CRT joint venture with Toshiba
22 Corporation, MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., in 2003. It was re-named as MT Picture Display
23 (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. and operated as a wholly owned subsidiary of MT Picture Display until its
24 closure in 2006. During the Class Period, Matsushita Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold
25 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,
26 to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Panasonic Corporation dominated and
27 to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Panasonic Corporation dominated and
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1 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Matsushita Malaysia relating to the
2 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

3 52. Defendants Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic NA and Matsushita Malaysia are
4 collectively referred to herein as “Panasonic.”

5 53. Defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. (“MTPD”) was established as a CRT joint
6 venture between defendants Panasonic Corporation and Toshiba. MTPD is a Japanese entity with
7 its principal place of business located at 1-1, Saiwai-cho, Takatsuki-shi, Osaka 569-1193, Japan.
8 On April 3, 2007, defendant Panasonic Corporation purchased the remaining stake in MTPD,
9 making it a wholly owned subsidiary, and renaming it MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. During the
10 Class Period, MTPD manufactured, sold and distributed CRT Products, either directly or
11 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

12 54. Defendant Beijing-Matsushita Color CRT Company, Ltd. (“BMCC”) is a
13 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at No. 9, Jiuxianqiao N. Rd.,
14 Dashanzi Chaoyang District, Beijing, China. BMCC is a joint venture company, 50% of which
15 is held by defendant MTPD. The other 50% is held by Beijing Orient Electronics (Group) Co.,
16 Ltd., China National Electronics Import & Export Beijing Company (a China state-owned
17 enterprise), and Beijing Yayunchun Branch of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Ltd.
18 (a China state-owned enterprise). Formed in 1987, BMCC was Matsushita’s (n/k/a Panasonic)
19 first CRT manufacturing facility in China. BMCC is the second largest producer of CRTs in
20 China. During the Class Period, BMCC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT
21 Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout
22 the United States.

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24 **Hitachi Entities**

25 28 55. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. is a Japanese company with its principal place of business

1 located at 6-1 Marunouchi Center Building 13F, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8280, Japan. Hitachi
2 Ltd. is the parent company for the Hitachi brand of CRT Products. In 1996, Hitachi, Ltd.'s
3 worldwide market share for color CRTs was 20 percent. During the Class Period, Hitachi Ltd.
4 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
5 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.
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7 56. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. ("Hitachi Displays") is a Japanese company with its
8 principal place of business located at AKS Building, 3 Kandaneribeicho 3, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo,
9 101-0022, Japan. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. was originally established as Mbara Works of Hitachi,
10 Ltd. in Mbara City, Japan, in 1943. In 2002, all the departments of planning, development,
11 design, manufacturing and sales concerned with the display business of Hitachi, Ltd. were spun
12 off to create a separate company called Hitachi Displays, Ltd. During the Class Period, Hitachi
13 Displays, Ltd. manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or
14 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.
15 Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of
16 Hitachi Displays relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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18 57. Hitachi Electronic Devices (USA), Inc. ("HEDUS") is a Delaware corporation
19 with its principal place of business located as 1000 Hurricane Shoals Road, Ste. D-100,
20 Lawrenceville, GA 30043. HEDUS is a subsidiary of defendants Hitachi Displays, Ltd. and
21 Hitachi, Ltd. During the Class Period, HEDUS manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed
22 CRT Products to customers, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to
23 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays, Ltd.
24 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of HEDUS relating to the
25 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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27 58. Defendant Hitachi America, Ltd. ("Hitachi America") is a New York company
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1 with its principal place of business located at 2000 Sierra Point Parkway, Brisbane, California
2 94005. Hitachi America is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Hitachi, Ltd.
3 During the Class Period, Hitachi America sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly
4 or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.
5 Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of
6 Hitachi America relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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8 59. Defendant Hitachi Asia, Ltd. (“Hitachi Asia”) is a Singapore company with its
9 principal place of business located at 16 Collyer Quay, #20-00 Hitachi Tower, Singapore, 049318.
10 Hitachi Asia is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Hitachi, Ltd. During the
11 Class Period, Hitachi Asia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either
12 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United
13 States. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and
14 affairs of Hitachi Asia relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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16 60. Shenzhen SEG Hitachi Color Display Devices, Ltd. (“Hitachi Shenzhen”) was a
17 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at 5001 Huanggang Road, Futian
18 District, Shenzhen 518035, China. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. owned at least a 25% interest in Hitachi
19 Shenzhen until November 8, 2007 (which was coincidentally around the time that the government
20 investigations into the CRT industry began). Thus, Hitachi Shenzhen was a member of the
21 Hitachi corporate group for all but the last two weeks of the Class Period. During the Class Period,
22 Hitachi Shenzhen manufactured, sold and distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
23 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendants
24 Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and
25 affairs of Hitachi Shenzhen relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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27 61. Defendants Hitachi Ltd., Hitachi Displays, Hitachi America, HEDUS, Hitachi
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Asia, and Hitachi Shenzhen are collectively referred to herein as “Hitachi.”

Tatung

62. Defendant Tatung Company of America, Inc. (“Tatung America”) is a California corporation with its principal place of business located at 2850 El Presidio Street, Long Beach, California. Tatung America is a subsidiary of Tatung Company. Currently, Tatung Company owns approximately half of Tatung America. The other half used to be owned by Lun Kuan Lin, the daughter of Tatung Company’s former Chairman, T.S. Lin. Following Lun Kuan Lin’s recent death, her share recently passed to her two children. During the Class Period, Tatung America manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

Chunghwa Entities

63. Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes Ltd. (“CPT”) is a Taiwanese company with its principal place of business located at 1127 Heping Road, Bade City, Taoyuan, Taiwan. CPT was founded in 1971 by Tatung Company. Throughout the majority of the Class Period, Tatung Company owned a substantial share in CPT. Although Tatung Company’s holdings in CPT have fallen over time, it retains substantial control over CPT’s operations. Tatung Company lists Chunghwa on its website as one of its “global subsidiaries.” And the Chairman of CPT, Weishan Lin, is also the Chairman and General Manager of Tatung Company. CPT is a leading manufacturer of CRTs. During the Class Period, CPT manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, both directly and through its wholly owned and controlled subsidiaries in Malaysia, China, and Scotland, to customers throughout the United States.

64. Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. ("Chunghwa Malaysia") is a Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 1, Subang

1 Hi-Tech Industrial Park, Batu Tiga, 4000 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.
2 Chunghwa Malaysia a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Chunghwa Picture
3 Tubes. Chunghwa Malaysia is a leading worldwide supplier of CRTs. During the Class Period,
4 Chunghwa Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either
5 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United
6 States. Defendant CPT dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of
7 Chunghwa Malaysia relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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9 65. Defendants CPT and Chunghwa Malaysia are collectively referred to herein as
10 "Chunghwa."

11 **IRICO Entities**

12 66. Defendant IRICO Group Corporation ("IGC") is a Chinese corporation with its
13 principal place of business located at 1 Caihong Rd., Xianyang City, Shaanxi Province 712021.
14 IGC is the parent company for multiple subsidiaries engaged in the manufacture, marketing, sale
15 and/or distribution of CRT Products. During the Class Period, IGC manufactured, marketed, sold
16 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,
17 to customers throughout the United States.
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19 67. Defendant IRICO Display Devices Co., Ltd. ("IDDC") is a Chinese company
20 with its principal place of business located at No. 16, Fenghui South Road West, District High-
21 tech Development Zone, Xi'an, SXI 710075. IDDC is a partially owned subsidiary of defendant
22 IGC. In 2006, IDDC was China's top CRT maker. During the Class Period, IDDC manufactured,
23 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its
24 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant IGC dominated
25 and controlled the finances, policies and affairs of IDDC relating to the antitrust violations alleged
26 in this Complaint.
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1 68. Defendant IRICO Group Electronics Co., Ltd. (“IGE”) is a Chinese company
2 with its principal place of business located at 1 Caihong Rd., Xianyang City, Shaanxi Province
3 712021. IGE is owned by Defendant IGC. According to its website, IGE was the first CRT
4 manufacturer in China and one of the leading global manufacturers of CRTs. Their website also
5 claims that in 2003, they were the largest CRT manufacturer in China in terms of production and
6 sales volume, sales revenue and aggregated profit and taxation. During the Class Period, IGE
7 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
8 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant IGC
9 dominated and controlled the finances, policies and affairs of IGE relating to the antitrust
10 violations alleged in this Complaint.

12 69. Defendants IGC, IDDC, and IGE are collectively referred to herein as “IRICO.”

14 **Thai CRT**

15 70. Defendant Thai CRT Company, Ltd. (“Thai CRT”) is a Thai company with its
16 principal place of business located at 1/F Siam Cement Road, Bangsue Dusit, Bangkok, Thailand.
17 Thai CRT is a subsidiary of Siam Cement Group. It was established in 1986 as Thailand’s first
18 manufacturer of CRT’s for color televisions. During the Class Period, Thai CRT manufactured,
19 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its
20 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

22 **Samtel**

23 71. Defendant Samtel Color, Ltd. (“Samtel”) is an Indian company with its principal
24 place of business located at 52, Community Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110065.
25 Samtel’s market share for CRTs sold in India is approximately 40%. Samtel is India’s largest
26 exporter of CRTs. Samtel has gained safety approvals from the United States, Canada, Germany
27 and Great Britain for its CRT Products. During the Class Period, Samtel manufactured, marketed,
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1 sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or
2 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

3 **Daewoo/Orion Entities**

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5 72. During the Class Period, Orion Electric Company (“Orion”) was a major
6 manufacturer of CRTs. Orion was a Korean corporation which filed for bankruptcy in 2004. In
7 1995, approximately 85% of Orion’s \$1 billion in sales was attributed to CRTs. Orion was
8 involved in CRT Product sales and manufacturing joint ventures and had subsidiaries all over the
9 world, including South Africa, France, Indonesia, Mexico, and the United States. Plaintiffs are
10 informed and believe that Orion was wholly owned by the “Daewoo Group.” The Daewoo Group
11 included Daewoo Electronics Company, Ltd., Daewoo Telecom Company, Daewoo Corporation,
12 and Orion Electric Components Company. The Daewoo Group was dismantled in or around
13 1999. Daewoo Electronics and Orion were 50/50 joint venture partners in an entity called
14 Daewoo-Orion Société Anonyme (“DOSA”) in France. As of approximately 1996, DOSA
15 produced 1.2 million CRTs annually. Daewoo sold DOSA’s CRT business in or around 2004.
16 In December 1995, Orion partnered with defendant Toshiba Corporation and two other non-
17 defendant entities to form P.T. Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) in Indonesia.
18 TEDI was projected to have an annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. During
19 the Class Period, Orion, Daewoo Electronics, TEDI and DOSA manufactured, marketed, sold
20 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through their subsidiaries or
21 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.
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24 73. Daewoo Electronics, Orion, and DOSA are collectively referred to herein as
25 “Daewoo.”
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27 74. All of the above-listed defendants are collectively referred to herein as
28 “Defendants.”

1 75. Various other persons, firms and corporations, not named as Defendants herein,
2 including the entities described below, have participated as co-conspirators with Defendants and
3 have performed acts and made statements in furtherance of the conspiracy and/or in furtherance
4 of the anticompetitive, unfair or deceptive conduct. Plaintiffs reserve the right to name some or
5 all of these Persons as Defendants at a later date.
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7 **Thomson Entities**

8 76. Co-conspirator Thomson SA (n/k/a Technicolor SA) (“Thomson SA”) is a French
9 corporation with its principal place of business located at 5 Rue Jeanne d’Arc 92130 Issy-les-
10 Moulineaux, France. Thomson SA, through its wholly owned subsidiary Thomson Consumer
11 Electronics Corporation, was a major manufacturer of CRTs for the United States market, with
12 plants located in the United States, Mexico, China and Europe. Thomson SA sold its CRTs
13 internally to its television-manufacturing division, which had plants in the United States and
14 Mexico, and to other television manufacturers in the United States and elsewhere. Thomson
15 SA’s television division also purchased CRTs from other CRT manufacturers. Thomson SA’s
16 CRT televisions were sold in the United States to consumers under the RCA brand. In November
17 2003, Thomson SA sold its television division to a joint venture it formed with Chinese
18 company, TCL Corporation. The joint venture was called TCL-Thomson Electronics
19 Corporation (“TCL-Thomson”). TCL took a 67 percent stake in the joint venture, with Thomson
20 SA holding the rest of the shares. As part of the joint venture agreement, the parties agreed that
21 televisions made by TCL-Thomson would be marketed under the TCL brand in Asia and the
22 Thomson and RCA brands in Europe and North America, respectively. In July 2005, Thomson
23 SA sold its CRT business to Videocon. During the Class Period, Thomson SA manufactured,
24 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its
25 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.
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1 77. Co-conspirator Thomson Consumer Electronics, Inc. (n/k/a Technicolor USA,
2 Inc.) (“Thomson Consumer Electronics”) is a U.S. corporation with its principal place of
3 business located at 10330 N Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46290-1024. Thomson Consumer
4 Electronics is a wholly owned subsidiary of Thomson SA. Thomson Consumer Electronics was
5 a major manufacturer of CRTs for the United States market, with plants located in Scranton, PA,
6 Marion, IN and Mexicali, Mexico. The United States-based plants were closed in 2004. Thomson
7 Consumer Electronics sold its CRTs internally to its own television-manufacturing division,
8 which had plants in the United States and Mexico, and to other television manufacturers in the
9 United States and elsewhere. Thomson’s CRT televisions were sold in the United States to United
10 States consumers under the RCA brand. Thomson Consumer Electronic’s television business
11 was sold to TCL-Thomson in 2003, and its CRT business was sold to Videocon Industries, Ltd.
12 in 2005. During the Class Period, Thomson Consumer Electronics manufactured, marketed, sold
13 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,
14 to customers throughout the United States.
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16 78. Thomson SA and Thomson Consumer Electronics are collectively referred to
17 herein as “Thomson.”

18 **Videocon**

19 79. Co-conspirator Videocon Industries, Ltd. (“Videocon”) is an Indian corporation
20 with its principal place of business located at 14 Kms Stone, Aurangabad-Paithan Road,
21 Chitegaon, Tq. Paithan, Dist. Aurangabad - 431 105, India. In July 2005, Videocon acquired
22 Thomson’s CRT businesses, which included manufacturing facilities in Poland, Italy, Mexico,
23 and China. Videocon manufactured its CRTs for the United States market in Thomson’s former
24 CRT plants in Mexicali, Mexico and China. Videocon sold these CRTs primarily to the joint
25 venture, TCL-Thomson, which manufactured CRT televisions for the U.S. market in Juarez,
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1 Mexico, and which it sold under the RCA brand. During the Class Period, Videocon
2 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
3 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

4 **Mitsubishi Entities**

5 80. Co-conspirator Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (“Mitsubishi Electric Japan”) is a
6 Japanese corporation located at Building, 2-7-3, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8310,
7 Japan. Mitsubishi Electric Japan and its subsidiaries manufactured CRTs in factories located in
8 Japan, Taiwan, Mexico and Canada for sale in the United States. These CRTs were sold internally
9 to Mitsubishi’s television and monitor manufacturing division and to other television and monitor
10 manufacturers in the U.S. and elsewhere. Mitsubishi’s television and monitor division also
11 purchased CRTs from other CRT manufacturers. During the Class Period, Mitsubishi Electric
12 Japan manufactured, marketed, sold and distributed CRT Products in the United States.
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14 81. Co-conspirator Mitsubishi Electric & Electronics USA, Inc. (“Mitsubishi Electric
15 USA”) is a United States corporation located at 5665 Plaza Drive, Cypress, CA 90630.
16 Mitsubishi Electric USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Electric Japan. Mitsubishi
17 Electric USA manufactured CRTs for the United States market in plants located in Mexicali,
18 Mexico and Ontario, Canada. Mitsubishi Electric USA sold its CRTs internally to its television
19 and monitor manufacturing division and to other television and monitor manufacturers in the
20 U.S. and elsewhere. Mitsubishi’s television and monitor division also purchased CRTs from
21 other CRT manufacturers. During the Class Period, Mitsubishi Electric USA manufactured,
22 marketed, sold and distributed CRT Products in the United States.
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24 82. Co-conspirator Mitsubishi Digital Electronics Americas, Inc. (“Mitsubishi
25 Digital”) is a United States corporation located at 9351 Jeronimo Road, Irvine, CA 92618.
26 Mitsubishi Digital is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Electric USA. During the Class
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1 Period, Mitsubishi Digital manufactured, marketed, sold and distributed CRTs and CRT
2 televisions and monitors in the United States.

3 83. Mitsubishi Electric Japan, Mitsubishi Electric USA and Mitsubishi Digital are
4 collectively referred to herein as “Mitsubishi.”

5 84. Whenever in this Complaint reference is made to any act, deed or transaction of
6 any corporation, the allegation means that the corporation engaged in the act, deed or transaction
7 by or through its officers, directors, agents, employees or representatives while they were actively
8 engaged in the management, direction, control or transaction of the corporation’s business or
9 affairs.

10 85. Defendants are also liable to acts done in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy by
11 companies they acquired through mergers or acquisitions.

12 86. Each of the Defendants named herein acted as the agent or joint venturer of or for
13 the other Defendants with respect to the acts, violations and common course of conduct alleged
14 herein. Each Defendant which is a subsidiary of a foreign parent acts as the sole United States
15 agent for CRT Products made by its parent company.

16 **VII. INTERSTATE TRADE AND COMMERCE**

17 87. Throughout the Class Period, each Defendant, or one or more of its subsidiaries,
18 sold CRT Products in the United States in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate and
19 international commerce, including through and into this judicial district.

20 88. During the Class Period, Defendants collectively controlled the vast majority of
21 the market for CRT Products, both globally and in the United States.

22 89. Defendants’ unlawful activities, as described herein, took place within the flow
23 of interstate commerce to purchasers of CRT Products located in states other than the states in

1 which Defendants are located, as well as throughout the world, and had a direct, substantial and
2 reasonably foreseeable effect upon interstate and international commerce, including the United
3 States markets for CRT Products.

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5 **VIII. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

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7 **A. CRT Technology**

8 90. CRT technology was first developed more than a century ago. The first
9 commercially practical CRT television was made in 1931. It was not until the RCA Corporation
10 introduced the product at the 1939 World's Fair, however, that it became widely available to
11 consumers. Since then, CRTs have become the heart of most display products, including
12 televisions, computer monitors, oscilloscopes, air traffic control monitors, and ATMs. Even large
13 public displays, including many scoreboards at sports arenas, are comprised of thousands of
14 single-color CRTs.

16 91. As noted above, the CRT is a vacuum tube that is coated on its inside face with
17 light sensitive phosphors. An electron gun at the back of the vacuum tube emits electron beams.
18 When the electron beams strike the phosphors, the phosphors produce either red, green, or blue
19 light. A system of magnetic fields inside the CRT, as well as varying voltages, directs the beams
20 to produce the desired colors. This process is rapidly repeated several times per second to produce
21 the desired images.

23 92. The quality of a CRT display is dictated by the quality of the CRT itself. No
24 external control or feature can make up for a poor-quality tube. In this regard, the CRT defines
25 the whole product such that the product is often simply referred to as "the CRT."

26 93. Until the last few years, CRTs were the dominant technology used in displays,
27 including television and computer monitors. During the Class Period, this translated into the
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1 sale of millions of CRT Products, generating billions of dollars in annual profits.

2 **B. Structural Characteristics Of The CRT Market**

3 94. The structural characteristics of the CRT Product market are conducive to the type
4 of collusive activity alleged in this Complaint. These characteristics include market
5 concentration, ease of information sharing, the consolidation of manufacturers, multiple
6 interrelated business relationships, significant barriers to entry, maturity of the CRT Product
7 market, and homogeneity of products.

8 **a. Market Concentration**

9 95. During the Class Period, the CRT industry was dominated by relatively few
10 companies. In 2004, defendants Samsung SDI, LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays), MT
11 Picture Display and Chunghwa together held a collective 78% share of the global CRT market.
12 The high concentration of market share facilitates coordination since there are fewer cartel
13 members among which to coordinate pricing or allocate markets, and it is easier to monitor the
14 pricing and production of other cartel members.

15 **b. Information Sharing**

16 96. Because of common membership in trade associations for the CRT Product market
17 and related markets (for e.g., TFT-LCD), interrelated business arrangements such as joint
18 ventures, allegiances between companies in certain countries, and relationships between the
19 executives of certain companies, there were many opportunities for Defendants to discuss and
20 exchange competitive information. The ease of communication was facilitated by the use of
21 meetings, telephone calls, e-mails, and instant messages. Defendants took advantage of these
22 opportunities to discuss and agree upon their pricing for CRT Products.

23 97. Defendants Chunghwa, Hitachi and Samsung are all members of the Society for
24 Information Display. Defendants Samsung and LG Electronics, Inc. are two of the co-founders
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1 of the Korea Display Industry Association. Similarly, Daewoo, LG Electronics, LP Displays, and
2 Samsung are members of the Electronic Display Industrial Research Association. Upon
3 information and belief, Defendants used these trade associations as vehicles for discussing and
4 agreeing upon their pricing for CRT Products. At the meetings of these trade associations,
5 Defendants exchanged proprietary and competitively sensitive information which they used to
6 implement and monitor the conspiracy.
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8 **c. Consolidation**

9 98. The CRT Product industry also had significant consolidation during the Class
10 Period, including but not limited to: (a) the creation of LG Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays)
11 in 2001 as a joint venture between Royal Philips and LG Electronics, Inc.; and (b) the 2002 merger
12 of Toshiba and Matsushita/Panasonic's CRT business into MTPD.
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14 99. Defendants also consolidated their manufacturing facilities in lower cost venues
15 such as China and reduced manufacturing capacity to prop up prices.
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17 **d. Multiple Interrelated Business Relationships**

18 100. The CRT Product industry has a close-knit nature whereby multiple business
19 relationships between supposed competitors blur the lines of competition and provided ample
20 opportunity to collude. These business relationships also created a unity of interest among
21 competitors so that the conspiracy was easier to implement and enforce than if such
22 interrelationships did not exist.
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24 101. Examples of the high degree of cooperation among Defendants in both the CRT
25 Product market and other closely related markets include the following:
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27 a. The formation of the CRT joint venture LG.Philips Displays in 2001 by
28 Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips.
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30 b. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips also formed
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1 LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd., n/k/a LG Display Co., Ltd. in 1999 as a joint venture for the purpose
2 of manufacturing TFT-LCD panels.

3 c. The formation of the CRT joint venture MTPD in 2003 by defendants
4 Toshiba and Panasonic.

5 d. Defendants Toshiba and Panasonic also formed Toshiba-Matsushita
6 Display Technology Co., Ltd. as a joint venture for the purpose of manufacturing TFT-LCD
7 panels.

8 e. In December 1995, Defendants Daewoo and Toshiba partnered with two
9 other non-Defendant entities to form TEDI which manufactured CRTs in Indonesia.

10 f. Defendants Daewoo and Toshiba also signed a cooperative agreement
11 relating to LCDs in 1995. Pursuant to the agreement, Daewoo produced STN LCDs, and
12 Toshiba, which had substituted its STN LCD production with TFT LCD production, marketed
13 Daewoo's STN LCDs globally through its network.

14 g. Also in 1995, Defendant Chunghwa entered into a technology transfer
15 agreement with Defendant Toshiba for large CPTs.

16 h. Defendant Chunghwa has a joint venture with Defendant Samsung
17 Electronics Co., Ltd. for the production of liquid crystal display panels. Chunghwa now
18 licenses the technology from Defendant Royal Philips, a recent development that helped resolve
19 a patent infringement suit filed in 2002.

20 i. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Hitachi Ltd. entered into a joint
21 venture in 2000 for the manufacture, sale and distribution of optical storage products such as
22 DVD drives.

23 j. Defendant Samtel participates in a joint venture, Samcor Glass Limited,
24 with Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. and non-Defendant Corning Inc., USA for the
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1 production and supply of picture tube glass.

2 k. Defendant Samtel claims to have supplied CRTs to Defendants LG
3 Electronics, Inc., Samsung, Royal Philips, and Panasonic.

4 **e. High Costs of Entry Into The Industry**

5 102. There are substantial barriers to entry in the CRT Products industry. It would
6 require substantial time, resources and industry knowledge to even potentially overcome the
7 barriers to entry. It is also extremely unlikely that a new producer would enter the market in light
8 of the declining demand for CRT Products.

9 **f. The Maturity of The CRT Product Market**

10 103. Newer industries are typically characterized by rapid growth, innovation and high
11 profits. The CRT Product market is a mature one, and like many mature industries, is
12 characterized by slim profit margins, creating a motivation to collude.

13 104. Demand for CRT Products was declining throughout the Class Period. Static or
14 declining demand is another factor which makes the formation of a collusive arrangement more
15 likely because it provides a greater incentive to firms to avoid price competition.

16 105. In addition, conventional CRT televisions and computer monitors were being
17 rapidly replaced by TFT-LCD and Plasma displays. This was one of the factors which led
18 Defendants to engage in this alleged price fixing scheme in order to slow down declining CRT
19 Product prices. Between 2000 and 2006, revenues from the sale of CRT televisions in the United
20 States declined by 50.7 percent and are predicted to decline by an additional 84.5 percent between
21 2006 and 2010.

22 106. Although demand was declining as a result of the popularity of flat-panel
23 LCD/plasma televisions and LCD monitors, CRT televisions and monitors were still the
24 dominant display technology during the Class Period, making Defendants' collusion and the

1 international price fixing conspiracy worthwhile. Due to the high costs of LCD panels and
2 plasma displays during the Class Period, a substantial market for CRT Products existed as a
3 cheaper alternative to these new technologies.

4 107. In 1999, CRT monitors accounted for 94.5 percent of the retail market for
5 computer monitors in North America. By 2002, that figure had dropped to 73 percent; still a
6 substantial share of the market.
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8 108. As for CRT televisions, they accounted for 73 percent of the North American
9 television market in 2004, and by the end of 2006, still held a 46 percent market share. CRT
10 televisions continue to dominate the global television market, accounting for 75 percent of
11 worldwide TV units in 2006.

12 **g. Homogeneity of CRT Products**

13 109. CRT Products are commodity-like products which are manufactured in
14 standardized sizes. One Defendant's CRT Products for a particular application, such as a
15 particular size television set or computer monitor, is substitutable for another's. Defendants sell
16 and Plaintiff (and Class members) purchase CRT Products primarily on the basis of price.
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18 110. It is easier to form and sustain a cartel when the product in question is commodity-
19 like because it is easier to agree on prices to charge and to monitor those prices once an
20 agreement is formed.
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22 **C. Pre-Conspiracy Market**

23 111. The genesis of the CRT conspiracy was in the late 1980s as the CRT Products
24 business became more international and the Defendants began serving customers that were also
25 being served by other international companies. During this period, the employees of Defendants
26 would encounter employees from their competitors when visiting their customers. A culture of
27 cooperation developed over the years and these Defendant employees would exchange market
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1 information on production, capacity, and customers.

2 112. In the early 1990s, representatives from Samsung, Daewoo, Chunghwa and Orion
3 visited each other's factories in S.E. Asia. During this period, these producers began to include
4 discussions about price in their meetings. The pricing discussions were usually limited, however,
5 to exchanges of the range of prices that each competitor had quoted to specific customers.

6 **D. Defendants' and Co-Conspirators' Illegal Agreements**

7 113. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that in order to control and
8 maintain profitability during declining demand for CRT Products, Defendants and their co-
9 conspirators have engaged in a contract, combination, trust or conspiracy, the effect of which has
10 been to raise, fix, maintain and/or stabilize the prices at which they sold CRT Products to
11 artificially inflated levels from at least March 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.

12 114. The CRT conspiracy was effectuated through a combination of group and bilateral
13 meetings. In the formative years of the conspiracy (1995-1996), bilateral discussions were the
14 primary method of communication and took place on an informal, ad hoc basis. During this
15 period, representatives from Defendants LG, Samsung and Daewoo visited the other Defendant
16 and co-conspirator manufacturers including Philips, Chunghwa, Thai CRT, Hitachi, Toshiba,
17 Mitsubishi and Panasonic to discuss increasing prices for CRT Products in general and to specific
18 customers. These meetings took place in Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, Japan, Malaysia,
19 Indonesia, and Singapore.

20 115. Defendants Samsung, Chunghwa, LG, Mitsubishi and Daewoo also attended
21 several ad hoc group meetings during this period. The participants at these group meetings also
22 discussed increasing prices for CRT Products.

23 116. As more manufacturers formally entered the conspiracy, group meetings became
24 more prevalent. Beginning in 1997, the Defendants began to meet in a more organized, systematic
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1 fashion, and a formal system of multilateral and bilateral meetings was put in place. Defendants'
2 representatives attended hundreds of these meetings during the Class Period.

3 117. The overall CRT conspiracy raised and stabilized worldwide prices (including
4 United States prices) that Defendants charged for CRT Products.

5 a. **“Glass Meetings”**

6 118. The group meetings among the participants in the CRT price-fixing conspiracy
7 were referred to by the participants as “Glass Meetings” or “GSM.” Glass Meetings were attended
8 by employees at three general levels of the Defendants’ corporations.

9 119. The first level of these meetings were attended by high level company executives
10 including CEOs, Presidents, and Vice Presidents, and were known as “Top Meetings.” Top
11 Meetings occurred less frequently, typically quarterly, and were focused on longer term
12 agreements and forcing compliance with price fixing agreements. Because attendees at Top
13 Meetings had authority as well as more reliable information, these meetings resulted in
14 agreements. Attendees at Top Meetings were also able to resolve disputes because they were
15 decision makers who could make agreements.

16 120. The second level of meetings were attended by the Defendants’ high-level sales
17 managers and were known as “Management Meetings.” These meetings occurred more
18 frequently, typically monthly, and handled implementation of the agreements made at Top
19 Meetings.

20 121. Finally, the third level of meetings were known as “Working Level Meetings” and
21 were attended by lower-level sales and marketing employees. These meetings generally occurred
22 on a weekly or monthly basis and were mostly limited to the exchange of information and
23 discussing pricing since the lower-level employees did not have the authority to enter into
24 agreements. These lower-level employees would then transmit the competitive information up
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1 the corporate reporting chain to those individuals with pricing authority. The Working Level
2 Meetings also tended to be more regional and often took place near Defendants' factories. In
3 other words, the Taiwanese manufacturers' employees met in Taiwan, the Korean manufacturers'
4 employees met in Korea, the Chinese in China, and so on.

5 a. The Chinese Glass Meetings began in 1998 and generally occurred on a
6 monthly basis following a top or management level meeting. The China meetings had the
7 principal purpose of reporting what had been decided at the most recent Glass Meeting to the
8 Chinese manufacturers. Participants at the Chinese meetings included the manufacturers located
9 in China, such as IRICO and BMCC, as well as the China-based branches of the other Defendants,
10 including but not limited to Hitachi Shenzhen, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, Samsung
11 SDI Tianjin, and Chunghwa.

12 b. Glass Meetings also occurred occasionally in various European countries.
13 Attendees at these meetings included those Defendants which had subsidiaries and/or
14 manufacturing facilities located in Europe, including Philips, LG, LP Displays, Chunghwa,
15 Samsung, Daewoo (usually DOSA attended these meetings on behalf of Daewoo), IRICO,
16 Thomson and, from 2005, Videocon.

17 122. Representatives of the Defendants also attended what were known amongst
18 members of the conspiracy as "Green Meetings." These were meetings held on golf courses. The
19 Green Meetings were generally attended by top and management level employees of the
20 Defendants.

21 123. During the Class Period, Glass Meetings took place in Taiwan, South Korea,
22 Europe, China, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and the United States.

23 124. Participants would often exchange competitively sensitive information prior to a
24 Glass Meeting. This included information on inventories, production, sales and exports. For
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1 some such meetings, where information could not be gathered in advance of the meeting, it was
2 brought to the meeting and shared.

3 125. The Glass Meetings at all levels followed a fairly typical agenda. First, the
4 participants exchanged competitive information such as proposed future CRT pricing, sales
5 volume, inventory levels, production capacity, exports, customer orders, price trends, and
6 forecasts of sales volumes for coming months. The participants also updated the information they
7 had provided in the previous meeting. Each meeting had a rotating, designated “Chairman” who
8 would write the information on a white board. The meeting participants then used this
9 information to discuss and agree upon what price each would charge for CRTs to be sold in the
10 following month or quarter. They discussed and agreed upon target prices, price increases, so-
11 called “bottom” prices, and price ranges for CRTs. They also discussed and agreed upon prices
12 of CRTs that were sold to specific customers and agreed upon target prices to be used in
13 negotiations with large customers. Having analyzed the supply and demand, the participants
14 would also discuss and agree upon production cutbacks.

17 126. During periods of oversupply, the focus of the meeting participants turned to
18 making controlled and coordinated price reductions. This was referred to as setting a “bottom
19 price.”

20 127. Defendants’ conspiracy included agreements on the prices at which certain
21 Defendants would sell CRTs to their own corporate subsidiaries and affiliates that manufactured
22 end products, such as televisions and computer monitors. Defendants realized the importance of
23 keeping the internal pricing to their affiliated OEMs at a high enough level to support the CRT
24 pricing in the market to other OEMs. In this way, Defendants ensured that all direct purchaser
25 OEMs paid supracompetitive prices for CRTs.

27 128. Each of the participants in these meetings knew, and in fact discussed, the
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1 significant impact that the price of CRTs had on the cost of the finished products into which they
2 were placed. Like CRTs themselves, the market for CRT Products was a mature one, and there
3 were slim profit margins. The Defendants therefore concluded that in order to make their CRT
4 price increases stick, they needed to make the increase high enough that their direct customers
5 (CRT TV and monitor makers) would be able to justify a corresponding price increase to their
6 customers. In this way, Defendants ensured that price increases for CRTs were passed on to
7 indirect purchasers of CRT Products.

9 129. The agreements reached at the Glass Meetings included:

- 10 a. agreements on CRT Product prices, including establishing target prices,
11 “bottom” prices, price ranges, and price guidelines;
- 12 b. placing agreed-upon price differentials on various attributes of CRT Products,
13 such as quality or certain technical specifications;
- 14 c. agreements on pricing for intra-company CRT Product sales to vertically
15 integrated customers;
- 16 d. agreements as to what to tell customers about the reason for a price increase;
- 17 e. agreements to coordinate with competitors that did not attend the group
18 meetings and agreements with them to abide by the agreed-upon pricing;
- 19 f. agreements to coordinate pricing with CRT manufacturers in other
20 geographic markets such as Brazil, Europe and India;
- 21 g. agreements to exchange pertinent information regarding shipments, capacity,
22 production, prices and customers demands;
- 23 h. agreements to coordinate uniform public statements regarding available
24 capacity and supply;
- 25 i. agreements to allocate both overall market shares and share of a particular
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customer's purchases;

j. agreements to allocate customers;

k. agreements regarding capacity, including agreements to restrict output and to audit compliance with such agreements; and

1. agreements to keep their meetings secret.

130. Efforts were made to monitor each Defendant's adherence to these agreements in a number of ways, including seeking confirmation of pricing both from customers and from employees of the Defendants themselves. When cheating did occur, it was addressed in at least four ways: 1) monitoring; 2) attendees at the meetings challenging other attendees if they did not live up to an agreement; 3) threats to undermine a competitor at one of its principal customers; and 4) a recognition in a mutual interest in living up to the target price and living up to the agreements that had been made.

131. As market conditions worsened in 2005-2007, and the rate of replacement of CRT Products by TFT-LCDs increased, the group Glass Meetings became less frequent and bilateral meetings again became more prevalent. In addition, in December 2006 the DOJ issued subpoenas to manufacturers of TFT-LCDs and so the CRT co-conspirators began to have concerns about antitrust issues.

b. Bilateral Discussions

132. Throughout the Class Period, the Glass Meetings were supplemented by bilateral discussions between various Defendants. The bilateral discussions were more informal than the group meetings and occurred on a frequent, ad hoc basis, often between the group meetings. These discussions, usually between sales and marketing employees, took the form of in-person meetings, telephone contacts and emails.

133. During the Class Period, in-person bilateral meetings took place in Malaysia,

1 Indonesia, Taiwan, China, United Kingdom, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Brazil,
2 Mexico and the United States.

3 134. The purpose of the bilateral discussions was to exchange information about past
4 and future pricing, confirm production levels, share sales order information, confirm pricing
5 rumors, and coordinate pricing with manufacturers in other geographic locations, including
6 Brazil, Mexico, Europe and the United States.
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8 135. In order to ensure the efficacy of their global conspiracy, the Defendants also used
9 bilateral meetings to coordinate pricing with CRT Product manufacturers in Brazil, Mexico and
10 the United States, such as Philips, Samsung SDI, Thomson, Mitsubishi and later, LPD (from
11 2001) and Videocon (from 2005). These CRT manufacturers were particularly important because
12 they served the North American market for CRT Products. As further alleged herein, North
13 America was the largest market for CRT televisions and computer monitors during the Class
14 Period. Because these manufacturers were all wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries of
15 Defendants or co-conspirators Philips, Samsung SDI, Thomson, Mitsubishi and LPD, they
16 adhered to the unlawful price-fixing agreements. In this way, the Defendants ensured that prices
17 of all CRT Products sold in the United States were fixed, raised, maintained and/or stabilized at
18 supracompetitive levels.
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20 136. Defendants also used bilateral discussions with each other during price
21 negotiations with customers to avoid being persuaded by customers to cut prices. The information
22 gained in these communications was then shared with supervisors and taken into account in
23 determining the price to be offered.
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25 137. Bilateral discussions were also used to coordinate prices with CRT Product
26 manufacturers that did not ordinarily attend the group meetings, such as Defendants and co-
27 conspirators Hitachi, Toshiba, Panasonic, Thai CRT, Samtel, Thomson, Mitsubishi and later
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1 Videocon. It was often the case that in the few days following a Top or Management Meeting,
2 the attendees at these group meetings would meet bilaterally with the other Defendant and co-
3 conspirator manufacturers for the purpose of communicating whatever CRT Product pricing
4 and/or output agreements had been reached during the meeting. For example, Samsung had a
5 relationship with Hitachi and was responsible for communicating CRT Product pricing
6 agreements to Hitachi. LG had a relationship with Toshiba and was responsible for
7 communicating CRT Product pricing agreements to Toshiba. And Thai CRT had a relationship
8 with Samtel and was responsible for communicating CRT Product pricing agreements to Samtel.
9 Hitachi, Toshiba and Samtel implemented the agreed-upon pricing as conveyed by Samsung, LG,
10 and Thai CRT. Sometimes Hitachi and Toshiba also attended the Glass Meetings. Similarly,
11 Philips had regular bilateral communications with Thomson in Europe and the United States, and
12 Samsung SDI had regular communications with Mitsubishi. In this way, Hitachi, Toshiba,
13 Samtel, Thomson and Mitsubishi participated in the conspiracy to fix prices of CRT Products.
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16 **c. Defendants' And Co-Conspirators' Participation In Group and Bilateral**
17 **Discussions**

18 138. Between at least 1995 and 2007, Defendant Samsung, through SEC, Samsung SDI,
19 Samsung SDI Malaysia, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, and Samsung SDI Tianjin, participated in at
20 least 200 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these meetings were attended by
21 the highest-ranking executives from Samsung. Samsung also engaged in bilateral discussions
22 with each of the other Defendants on a regular basis. Through these discussions, Samsung
23 agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products.
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25 139. Defendants SEAI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI Brazil, and Samsung SDI
26 Mexico were represented at those meetings and were a party to the agreements entered at them.
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1 To the extent SEC and SEAI sold and/or distributed CRT Products, they played a significant role
2 in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by
3 direct purchasers would not undercut the CRT pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings.
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5 Thus, SEAI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI Brazil, and Samsung SDI Mexico were active,
6 knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

7 140. Between at least 1995 and 2001, Defendant LG, through LG Electronics, Inc. and
8 LGETT, participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. After 2001, LG participated in the
9 CRT Product conspiracy through its joint venture with Philips, LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP
10 Displays). A substantial number of these meetings were attended by the highest-ranking
11 executives from LG. LG also engaged in bilateral discussions with each of the other Defendants
12 on a regular basis. Through these discussions, LG agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT
13 Products. LG never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

141. Defendant LGEUSA was represented at those meetings and was a party to the
15 agreements entered at them. To the extent LGEUSA sold and/or distributed CRT Products, they
16 played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices
17 for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached
18 at the Glass Meetings. Thus, LGEUSA was an active, knowing participant in the alleged
19 conspiracy.

142. Between at least 1996 and 2001, Defendant Philips, through Royal Philips and
15 Philips Taiwan, participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. After 2001, Philips
16 participated in the CRT Product conspiracy through its joint venture with LG, LG.Philips
17 Displays (n/k/a LP Displays). A substantial number of these meetings were attended by high
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1 level executives from Philips. Philips also engaged in numerous bilateral discussions with other
2 Defendants. Through these discussions, Philips agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT
3 Products. Philips never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

4 143. Defendants PENAC and Philips Brazil were represented at those meetings and
5 were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent PENAC and Philips Brazil sold
6 and/or distributed CRT Products to direct purchasers, they played a significant role in the
7 conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct
8 purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus,
9 PENAC and Philips Brazil were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

10 144. Between at least 2001 and 2006, Defendant LP Displays (f/k/a LG.Philips
11 Displays) participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these
12 meetings were attended by the highest-ranking executives from LP Displays. Certain of these
13 high-level executives from LP Displays had previously attended meetings on behalf of
14 Defendants LG and Philips. LP Displays also engaged in bilateral discussions with other
15 Defendants. Through these discussions, LP Displays agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT
16 Products.

17 145. Between at least 1995 and 2006, Defendant Chunghwa, through CPT, Chunghwa
18 Malaysia, and representatives from their factories in Fuzhuo (China) and Scotland, participated
19 in at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these meetings were attended
20 by the highest-ranking executives from Chunghwa, including the former Chairman and CEO of
21 CPT, C.Y. Lin. Chunghwa also engaged in bilateral discussions with each of the other Defendants
22 on a regular basis. Through these discussions, Chunghwa agreed on prices and supply levels for
23 CRT Products.

24 146. Defendant Tatung America was represented at those meetings and was a party to
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1 the agreements entered at them. To the extent Tatung America sold and/or distributed CRT
2 Products to direct purchasers, it played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants
3 wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut
4 the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Tatung America was an active,
5 knowing participant in the alleged conspiracy.

6 147. Between at least 1995 and 2004, Daewoo, through Daewoo Electronics, Orion and
7 DOSA, participated in at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these
8 meetings were attended by the highest-ranking executives from Daewoo. Daewoo also engaged
9 in bilateral discussions with other Defendants on a regular basis. Through these discussions,
10 Daewoo agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Bilateral discussions with Daewoo
11 continued until Orion, its wholly-owned CRT subsidiary, filed for bankruptcy in 2004. Daewoo
12 never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

148. Between at least 1995 and 2003, Defendant Toshiba, through Toshiba
15 Corporation, TDDT and TEDI, participated in several Glass Meetings. After 2003, Toshiba
16 participated in the CRT conspiracy through its joint venture with Panasonic, MTPD. These
17 meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Toshiba and MTPD. Toshiba also
18 engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with LG. Through
19 these discussions, Toshiba agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Toshiba never
20 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

21 149. Defendants Toshiba America, Inc., TACP, TAIP and TAEC were represented at
22 those meetings and were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent Toshiba
23 America, Inc., TACP, TAIP and TAEC sold and/or distributed CRT Products to direct purchasers,
24 they played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the
25 prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements
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1 reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Toshiba America, TACP, TAIP, and TAEC were active,
2 knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

3 150. Between at least 1996 and 2001, Defendant Hitachi, through Hitachi, Ltd., Hitachi
4 Displays, Hitachi Shenzhen, and Hitachi Asia, participated in several Glass Meetings. These
5 meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Hitachi. Hitachi also engaged in
6 multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with Samsung. Through these
7 discussions, Hitachi agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Hitachi never
8 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

9 151. Defendants Hitachi America and HEDUS were represented at those meetings and
10 were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent Hitachi America and HEDUS sold
11 and/or distributed CRT Products to direct purchasers, they played a significant role in the
12 conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct
13 purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus,
14 Hitachi America and HEDUS were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

15 152. Between at least 1996 and 2003, Defendant Panasonic (known throughout the
16 class period as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), through Panasonic Corporation and
17 Matsushita Malaysia, participated in several Glass Meetings. After 2003, Panasonic participated
18 in the CRT conspiracy through its joint venture with Toshiba, MTPD. These meetings were
19 attended by high level sales managers from Panasonic and MTPD. Panasonic also engaged in
20 multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants. Through these discussions, Panasonic
21 agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Panasonic never effectively withdrew from
22 this conspiracy.

23 153. Panasonic NA was represented at those meetings and was a party to the agreements
24 entered at them. To the extent Panasonic NA sold and/or distributed CRT Products to direct
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1 purchasers, it played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that
2 the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements
3 reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Panasonic NA was an active, knowing participant in the
4 alleged conspiracy.

5 154. Between at least 2003 and 2006, Defendant MTPD participated in multiple Glass
6 Meetings and in fact led many of these meetings during the latter years of the conspiracy. These
7 meetings were attended by high level sales managers from MTPD. MTPD also engaged in
8 bilateral discussions with other Defendants. Through these discussions, MTPD agreed on prices
9 and supply levels for CRT Products.

10 155. Between at least 1998 and 2007, Defendant BMCC participated in multiple Glass
11 Meetings. These meetings were attended by high level sales managers from BMCC. BMCC also
12 engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly the other Chinese
13 CRT manufacturers. Through these discussions, BMCC agreed on prices and supply levels for
14 CRT Products. None of BMCC's conspiratorial conduct in connection with CRT Products was
15 mandated by the Chinese government. BMCC was acting to further its own independent private
16 interests in participating in the alleged conspiracy.

17 156. Between at least 1998 and 2007, Defendant IRICO, through IGC, IGE, and
18 IDDC, participated in multiple Glass Meetings. These meetings were attended by the highest-
19 ranking executives from IRICO. IRICO also engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other
20 Defendants, particularly with other Chinese manufacturers. Through these discussions, IRICO
21 agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. None of IRICO's conspiratorial conduct in
22 connection with CRT Products was mandated by the Chinese government. IRICO was acting to
23 further its own independent private interests in participating in the alleged conspiracy.

24 157. Between at least 1997 and 2006, Defendant Thai CRT participated in multiple
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1 Glass Meetings. These meetings were attended by the highest-ranking executives from Thai CRT.
2 Thai CRT also engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with
3 Samtel. Through these discussions, Thai CRT agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT
4 Products. Thai CRT never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

5 158. Between at least 1998 and 2006, Defendant Samtel participated in multiple
6 bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with Thai CRT. These meetings were
7 attended by high level executives from Samtel. Through these discussions, Samtel agreed on
8 prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Samtel never effectively withdrew from this
9 conspiracy.

10 159. Between at least 1996 and 2005, co-conspirator Thomson participated in at least
11 61 meetings with its competitors, including several Glass Meetings and multiple bilateral
12 meetings. These meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Thomson. At these
13 meetings, Thomson discussed such things as CRT prices, production, revenues, volumes,
14 demand, inventories, estimated sales, plant shutdowns, customer allocation, and new product
15 development and agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Thomson never
16 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

17 160. Between 2005 and 2007, co-conspirator Videocon participated in several Glass
18 Meetings and multiple bilateral meetings with its competitors. These meetings were attended by
19 high level sales managers from Videocon. At these meetings, Videocon discussed such things as
20 CRT prices, production, revenues, volumes, demand, inventories, estimated sales, plant
21 shutdowns, customer allocation, and new product development, and agreed on prices and supply
22 levels for CRT Products. Videocon never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

23 161. Between at least 1995 and 2005, co-conspirator Mitsubishi participated in multiple
24 bilateral and some multilateral meetings with its competitors. These meetings were attended by
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1 high level sales managers from Mitsubishi. At these meetings, Mitsubishi discussed such things
2 as CRT prices, production, revenues, volumes, demand, inventories, estimated sales, plant
3 shutdowns, customer allocation, and new product development, and agreed on prices and supply
4 levels for CRT Products. Mitsubishi never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

5 162. When Plaintiff refer to a corporate family or companies by a single name in their
6 allegations of participation in the conspiracy, Plaintiff are alleging that one or more employees or
7 agents of entities within the corporate family engaged in conspiratorial meetings on behalf of
8 every company in that family. In fact, the individual participants in the conspiratorial meetings
9 and discussions did not always know the corporate affiliation of their counterparts, nor did they
10 distinguish between the entities within a corporate family. The individual participants entered
11 into agreements on behalf of, and reported these meetings and discussions to, their respective
12 corporate families. As a result, the entire corporate family was represented in meetings and
13 discussions by their agents and were parties to the agreements reached in them.

14 **E. The CRT Market During The Conspiracy**

15 163. Until the last few years, CRTs were the dominant technology used in displays,
16 including television and computer monitors. During the Class Period, this translated into the
17 sale of millions of CRT Products, generating billions of dollars in annual profits.

18 164. The following data was reported by Stanford Resources, Inc., a market research
19 firm focused on the global electronic display industry:

Year	Units Sold (millions)	Revenue (billion US dollars)	Average Selling Price Per Unit
1998	90.5	\$18.9	\$208
1999	106.3	\$19.2	\$181
2000	119.0	\$28.0	\$235

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27 165. During the Class Period, North America was the largest market for CRT TVs and
28 computer monitors. According to a report published by Fuji Chimera Research, the 1995

1 worldwide market for CRT monitors was 57.8 million units, 28 million of which (48.5 percent)
2 were consumed in North America. By 2002, North America still consumed around 35 percent of
3 the world's CRT monitor supply. *See, The Future of Liquid Crystal and Related Display*
4 *Materials*, Fuji Chimera Research, 1997, p.12.

5 166. Defendants' collusion is evidenced by unusual price movements in the CRT
6 Product market during the Class Period. In the 1990s, industry analysts repeatedly predicted
7 declines in consumer prices for CRT Products that did not fully materialize. For example, in
8 1992, an analyst for Market Intelligent Research Corporation predicted that "[e]conomies of scale,
9 in conjunction with technological improvements and advances in manufacturing techniques, will
10 produce a drop in the price of the average electronic display to about \$50 in 1997." Information
11 Display 9/92 p.19. Despite such predictions, and the existence of economic conditions warranting
12 a drop in prices, CRT Product prices nonetheless remained stable.

14 167. In 1996, another industry source noted that "the price of the 14" tube is at a
15 sustainable USD50 and has been for some years...."

17 168. In early 1999, despite declining production costs and the rapid entry of flat panel
18 display products, the price of large sized color CRTs actually rose. The price increase was
19 allegedly based on increasing global demand. In fact, this price increase was a result of the
20 collusive conduct as herein alleged.

21 169. After experiencing oversupply of 17" CRTs in the second half of 1999, the average
22 selling price of CRTs rose again in early 2000. A March 13, 2000 article in *Infotech Weekly*
23 quoted an industry analyst as saying that this price increase was "unlike most other PC-related
24 products."

26 170. A BNET Business Network news article from August 1998 reported that "key
27 components (cathode ray tubes) in computer monitors have risen in price. 'Although several
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1 manufacturers raised their CRT prices in the beginning of August, additional CRT price increases
2 are expected for the beginning of October....While computer monitor price increases may be a
3 necessary course of action, we [CyberVision, a computer monitor manufacturer] do not foresee a
4 drop in demand if we have to raise our prices relative to CRT price increases.””

5 171. A 2004 article from Techtree.com reports that various computer monitor
6 manufacturers, including LG Electronics, Philips, and Samsung, were raising the price of their
7 monitors in response to increases in CRT prices caused by an alleged shortage of glass shells
8 used to manufacture the tubes. Philips is quoted as saying that, “It is expected that by the end of
9 September this year [2004] there will be 20% hike in the price of our CRT monitors.”

10 172. Defendants also conspired to limit production of CRTs by shutting down
11 production lines for days at a time, and closing or consolidating their manufacturing facilities.

12 173. For example, the Defendants’ CRT factory utilization percentage fell from 90
13 percent in the third quarter of 2000 to 62 percent in the first quarter of 2001. This is the most
14 dramatic example of a drop in factory utilization. There were sudden drops throughout the Class
15 Period but to a lesser degree. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that these sudden, coordinated
16 drops in factory utilization by the Defendants were the result of Defendants’ agreements to
17 decrease output in order to stabilize the prices of CRT Products.

18 174. During the Class Period, while demand in the United States for CRT Products
19 continued to decline, Defendants’ conspiracy was effective in moderating the normal downward
20 pressures on prices for CRT Products caused by the entry and popularity of the new generation
21 LCD panels and plasma display products. As Finsen Yu, President of Skyworth Macao
22 Commercial Offshore Co., Ltd., a television maker, was quoted in January of 2007: “[t]he CRT
23 technology is very mature; prices and technology have become stable.”

24 175. During the Class Period, there were not only periods of unnatural and sustained
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1 price stability, but there were also increases in prices of CRT Products. These price increases
2 were despite the declining demand due to the approaching obsolescence of CRT Products caused
3 by the emergence of a new, potentially superior and clearly more popular, substitutable
4 technology.

5 176. These price increases and price stability in the market for CRT Products during
6 the Class Period are inconsistent with a competitive market for a product facing rapidly
7 decreasing demand caused by a new, substitutable technology.

8 **F. International Government Antitrust Investigations**

9 177. Defendants' conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the prices of, and
10 restrict output for, CRT Products sold in the United States during the Class Period, is
11 demonstrated by a multinational investigation commenced by the Antitrust Division of the United
12 States Department of Justice ("DOJ") and others in November 2007.

13 178. On November 8, 2007, antitrust authorities in Europe, Japan and South Korea
14 raided the offices of manufacturers of CRTs as part of an international investigation of alleged
15 price fixing.

16 179. On February 10, 2009, the DOJ issued a press release announcing that a federal
17 grand jury in San Francisco had that same day returned a two-count indictment against the former
18 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., Cheng Yuan
19 Lin, aka C.Y. Lin, for his participation in global conspiracies to fix the prices of two types of
20 CRTs used in computer monitors and televisions. The press release notes that "[t]his is the first
21 charge as a result of the Antitrust Division's ongoing investigation into the cathode ray tubes
22 industry." The press release further notes that Lin had previously been indicted for his
23 participation in a conspiracy to fix the prices of TFT-LCDs. Mr. Lin's indictment states that the
24 combination and conspiracy to fix the prices of CRTs was carried out, in part, in the Northern
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1 District of California.

2 180. Defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., the CRT unit of Defendant Panasonic,
3 has confirmed that it was raided by Japan's Fair Trade Commission.

4 181. *Kyodo News* reported on November 8, 2007, upon information and belief, that MT
5 Picture Display fixed prices for CRTs with manufacturers in three Asian countries, including
6 South Korea's Samsung SDI Co.
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8 182. *Kyodo News* further reported that:

9 Officials of these three companies are believed to have had at least 10 meetings
10 since 2005 in major Asian cities to coordinate target prices when delivering their
products to TV manufacturers in Japan and South Korea, the sources said.

11 183. Defendant Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. was raided by South Korea's Fair Trade
12 Commission, which has started an investigation into Samsung's CRT business.

13 184. The *Asian Shimbun* further reported on November 10, 2007 that “[t]he
14 representatives held meetings in Southeast Asia where the companies operate CRT factories, the
15 sources said. The European Commission, the European Union's executive branch, and the U.S.
16 Justice Department have been investigating four companies' [referring to the four Asian-based
17 manufacturers—MT Picture Display, Samsung SDI Co., Chunghwa Picture Tubes, LP Displays]
18 overseas units and are closely consulting with the Fair Trade Commission by sharing
20 information.”

21 185. On November 21, 2007, Defendant Royal Philips publicly disclosed that it too is
22 subject to one or more investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the CRT industry. Royal
23 Philips spokesman Joon Knapen declined to comment on which jurisdictions have started
24 investigations. Royal Philips stated that it intended to assist the regulators.

25 186. In its 2008 Annual Report, Defendant Toshiba reports that “[t]he Group is also
26 being investigated by the [European] Commission and/or the U.S. Department of Justice for
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1 potential violations of competition laws with respect to semiconductors, LCD products, cathode
2 ray tubes (CRT) and heavy electrical equipment.”

3 187. On May 6, 2008, the Hungarian Competition Authority (“HCA”) announced its
4 own investigation into the CRT cartel. The HCA described the cartel as follows:

5 The Hungarian Competition Authority (Gazdasági Versenyhivatal – GVH)
6 initiated a competition supervision proceeding against the following
7 undertakings: Samsung SDI Co., Ltd., Samsung SDI Germany GmbH,
8 Samsung SDI Magyarország Zrt., Thomson TDP sp. Z.o.o., LG Philips
Displays Czech Republic s.r.o., LP Displays, Chunghwa Picture Tubes (UK),
9 Ltd., Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., Daewoo Orion S.A., Daewoo Electronics
10 Global HQ, Daewoo Electronics European HQ, MT Picture Display Germany
GmbH, Matsushita Global HQ, Matsushita European HQ.

11 Based on the data available, the undertakings mentioned above concerted their
12 practice regarding the manufacturing and distribution of cathode-ray tubes
13 (including coloured picture tubes and coloured screen tubes) on the European
14 market between 1995 and 2007. The anti-competitive behaviour may have
15 concerned the exchange of sensitive market information (about prices, volumes
16 sold, demand and the extent to which capacities were exploited), price-fixing,
the allocation of market shares, consumers and volumes to be sold, the
limitation of output and coordination concerning the production. The
undertakings evolved a structural system and functional mechanism of
cooperation.

17 According to the available evidences it is presumable that the coordination of
18 European and Asian undertakings regarding to the European market also included
19 Hungary from 1995 to 2007. The coordination concerning the Hungarian
20 market allegedly formed part of the European coordination. Samsung SDI
Magyarország was called into the proceeding since it manufactured and
21 sold cathode-ray tubes in Hungary in the examined period, and it allegedly
participated in the coordination between its parent companies.

22 188. As outlined above, Defendants have a history of competitor contacts resulting from
23 joint ventures, numerous cross-licensing agreements, and other alliances in related businesses in
24 the electronics industry.

25 189. Several Defendants also have a history of “cooperation” and anticompetitive
26 conduct. For example, Defendant Samsung was fined \$300 million by the U.S. Department of
27 Justice in October 2005 for participating in a conspiracy to fix the prices of Dynamic Random
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1 access Memory (DRAM).

2 190. Defendants Samsung and Toshiba have acknowledged being contacted by the U.S.
3 Department of Justice as part of an ongoing investigation for fixing prices of Static Random
4 Access Memory and NAND Flash Memory.

5 191. In December 2006, government authorities in Japan, Korea, the European Union
6 and the United States revealed a comprehensive investigation into anticompetitive conduct in the
7 closely-related TFT-LCD market.

8 192. On December 12, 2006, news reports indicated that Defendants Samsung and
9 Chunghwa, as well as an LCD joint venture between Defendants Philips and LG Electronics, Inc,
10 LG Display Co., Ltd., were all under investigation for price fixing of TFT-LCDs.

11 193. On November 12, 2008, the DOJ announced that it had reached agreements with
12 three TFT-LCD manufacturers—LG Display Co., Ltd. (and its U.S. subsidiary, LG Display
13 America, Inc.), Sharp Corporation, and Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd.—to plead
14 guilty to violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and pay a total of \$585 million
15 in criminal fines for their roles in a conspiracy to fix prices of TFT-LCD panels.

16 194. On March 10, 2009, the DOJ announced that it had reached an agreement with
17 Defendant Hitachi Displays, Ltd., a subsidiary of Defendant Hitachi, Ltd., to plead guilty to
18 violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and pay a \$31 million fine for its role
19 in a conspiracy to fix the prices of TFT-LCD panels.

20 195. The indictments of LG Display Co., Ltd., Sharp Corporation, Chunghwa Picture
21 Tubes, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays, Ltd., all state that the combination and conspiracy to fix the
22 prices of TFT-LCDs was carried out, in part, in the Northern District of California.

23 **IX. THE PASS-THROUGH OF OVERCHARGES TO CONSUMERS**

24 196. Defendants' conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the price of CRT
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1 Products at artificial levels resulted in harm to Plaintiffs and the indirect purchaser consumer
2 classes alleged herein because it resulted in their paying higher prices for CRT Products than they
3 would have paid in the absence of Defendants' conspiracy. The entire overcharge at issue was
4 passed on to Plaintiffs and members of the indirect purchaser classes. As the DOJ acknowledged
5 in announcing the indictment of defendant Chunghwa's former Chairman and CEO, "This
6 conspiracy harmed countless Americans who purchased computers and televisions using cathode
7 ray tubes sold at fixed prices."

9 197. The Defendants identified above that attended the Glass Meetings, monitored the
10 prices of televisions and computer monitors sold in the U.S. and elsewhere on a regular basis.
11 The purpose and effect of investigating such retail market data was at least three-fold. First, it
12 permitted Defendants, such as Chunghwa, which did not manufacture CRT televisions or
13 computer monitors the way that Samsung, LG, Daewoo, Panasonic, Toshiba, Philips, Hitachi,
14 Thomson and Mitsubishi did, to police the price fixing agreement to make sure that intra-
15 defendant CRT sales were kept at supra-competitive levels. Secondly, it permitted all
16 Defendants to police their price fixing agreement to independent OEMs who would reduce
17 prices for finished goods if there was a corresponding reduction in CRT prices from a Defendant.
18 Finally, as discussed above, Defendants used the prices of finished products to analyze whether
19 they could increase prices or should agree to a "bottom" price instead. The Defendants
20 concluded that in order to make their CRT price increases stick, they needed to make the increase
21 high enough that their direct customers (CRT TV and monitor makers) would be able to justify
22 a corresponding price increase to their customers (for e.g., retailers and computer OEMs). In
23 this way, Defendants assured that 100% of the supracOMPETITIVE overcharges for CRT Products
24 were passed on to indirect purchaser consumers.

27 198. The indirect purchaser consumer buys CRT Products from either a computer or
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1 TV OEM such as Dell or Sharp, or a reseller such as Best Buy.

2 199. Because of the breadth of the price-fixing conspiracy here, the direct purchaser
3 CRT TV and monitor manufacturers were not constrained by their competitors from passing on
4 the overcharge. Because each of the direct purchaser's competitors were also buying CRTs at
5 supracompetitive prices from conspiracy members, no direct purchaser faced end-product price
6 competition from a competitor that was not paying supracompetitive prices for CRTs.
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8 200. The price of CRT Products is directly correlated to the price of CRTs. The margins
9 for CRT TV and monitor makers are sufficiently thin that price increases of CRTs force them to
10 increase the prices of their CRT Products. This means that increases in the price of CRTs lead
11 to quick corresponding price increases at the OEM level for CRT Products.

12 201. Computer and TV OEMs and retailers of CRT Products are all subject to
13 vigorous price competition, whether selling CRT TVs or computer monitors. The demand for
14 CRTs is ultimately determined by purchasers of products containing such products. The market
15 for CRTs and the market for CRT Products are therefore inextricably linked and cannot be
16 considered separately. Defendants are well aware of this intimate relationship, and use forecasts
17 of CRT TVs and computer monitors to predict sales of and determine production levels and
18 pricing for CRTs.

19 202. Computers and televisions are commodities with little or no brand loyalty such
20 that aggressive pricing causes consumers to switch preferences to different brands. Prices are
21 closely based on production costs, which are in turn directly determined by component costs, as
22 assembly costs are minimal. OEMs accordingly use component costs, like the cost of CRTs, as
23 the starting point for all price calculations. On information and belief, computer and TV OEMs
24 price their end-products on a "cost-plus" basis. Thus, computer and television prices closely track
25 increases and decreases in component costs.
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1 203. The CRT is the most expensive component in the products into which they are
2 incorporated. On information and belief, the cost of the CRT in a computer monitor is
3 approximately 60% of the total cost to manufacture the computer monitor. On information and
4 belief, the cost of the CRT in a television is a slightly smaller percentage of the total
5 manufacturing cost because a television has more components than a computer monitor, such as
6 the tuner and speakers.
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8 204. Economic and legal literature recognizes that the more pricing decisions are based
9 on cost, the easier it is to determine the pass-through rate. The directness of affected costs refers
10 to whether an overcharge affects a direct (*i.e.*, variable) cost or an indirect (*i.e.*, overhead) cost.
11 Overcharges will be passed through sooner and at a higher rate if the overcharges affect direct
12 costs. Here, CRTs are a direct and substantial cost of CRT Products. Therefore, Plaintiff will be
13 able to show that the overcharge on the CRTs was passed through to indirect purchasers.
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15 205. Once a CRT leaves its place of manufacture, it remains essentially unchanged as it
16 moves through the distribution system. CRTs are identifiable, discreet, physical objects that do
17 not change form or become an indistinguishable part of the TV or computer monitor in which
18 they are contained. Thus, CRTs follow a traceable physical chain from the Defendants to the
19 OEMs to the purchasers of finished products incorporating CRTs.
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21 206. Moreover, just as CRTs can be physically traced through the supply chain, so can
22 their price be traced to show that changes in the prices paid by direct purchasers of CRTs affect
23 prices paid by indirect purchasers of CRT Products. On information and belief, computer and TV
24 OEMs price their end-products on a “cost-plus” basis.
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26 207. In retailing, it is common to use a “mark-up rule.” The retail price is set as the
27 wholesale cost plus a percentage markup designed to recover non-product costs and to provide a
28 profit. This system guarantees that increases in costs to the retailer will be passed on to end

1 buyers. For example, CDW, a large seller of CRT monitors, uses such a system. A declaration
2 in the *DRAM* case from CDW's director of pricing details exactly how they calculated selling
3 prices:

4 In general, CDW employs a "building block" approach to setting its
5 advertised prices. The first building block is the Cost of Goods Sold (COGS),
6 which represents the price CDW paid to acquire the
7 product...CDW...adds a series of positive markups to the cost to CDW to acquire
a given product. These markups are in addition to the pass through effect of
changes in the costs charged to CDW for that product by a given vendor.

8 208. Economic and legal literature has recognized that unlawful overcharges in a
9 component normally result in higher prices for products containing that price-fixed component.
10 As Professor Herbert Hovenkamp, a noted antitrust scholar, has stated in his treatise, **FEDERAL**
11 **ANTITRUST POLICY, THE LAW OF COMPETITION AND ITS PRACTICE** (1994) at 624:

13 A monopoly charge at the top of the distribution chain generally results in higher prices
14 at every level below. For example, if production of aluminum is monopolized or
15 cartelized, fabricators of aluminum cookware will pay higher prices for aluminum. In
16 most cases, they will absorb part of these increased costs themselves and will pass part
along to cookware wholesalers. The wholesalers will charge higher prices to the retail
stores will do it once again to retail consumers. Every person at every stage in the chain
will be power as a result of the monopoly price at the top.

17 Theoretically, one can calculate the percentage of any overcharge that a firm at one
18 distributional level will pass on to those at the next level.

19 209. Similarly, two other antitrust scholars – Professors Robert G. Harris (Professor
20 Emeritus and former Chair of the Business and Public Policy Group at the Hass School of
21 Business at the University of California at Berkeley) and the late Lawrence A. Sullivan (Professor
22 of Law Emeritus at Southwestern School of Law and author of the *Handbook of the Law of*
23 *Antitrust*) – have observed that "in a multiple-level chain of distribution, passing on monopoly
24 overcharges is not the exception; it is the rule."

26 210. As Professor Jeffrey McKie-Mason (Arthur W. Burks Professor for Information
27 and Computer Science, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, and Associate Dean for
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1 Academic Affairs in the School of Information at the University of Michigan), an expert who
2 presented evidence in a number of the indirect purchaser cases involving Microsoft Corporation,
3 said (in a passage quoted in a judicial decision in that case granting class certification):
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5 As is well known in economic theory and practice, at least some of the overcharge will be
6 passed on by distributors to end consumers. When the distribution markets are highly
7 competitive, as they are here, all or nearly the entire overcharge will be passed on through
8 to ultimate consumers Both of Microsoft's experts also agree upon the economic
phenomenon of cost pass through and how it works in competitive markets. This general
phenomenon of cost pass through is well established in antitrust laws and economics as
well.

9 211. The purpose of Defendants' conspiratorial conduct was to fix, raise, maintain and
10 stabilize the price of CRTs and, as a direct and foreseeable result, CRT Products. The market for
11 CRTs and the market for CRT Products are inextricably linked. One exists to serve the other.
12 Defendants not only knew, but expressly contemplated that prices of CRT Products would
13 increase as a direct result of their increasing the prices of CRTs.

14 212. Finally, many of the Defendants and/or co-conspirators themselves have been and
15 are currently manufacturers of CRT TVs and computer monitors. Such manufacturers include,
16 for example, Samsung, LG, Hitachi, Toshiba, Philips, and Panasonic. Having agreed to fix
17 prices for CRTs, the major component of the end products they were manufacturing, these
18 Defendants intended to pass on the full cost of this component in their finished products, and in
19 fact did so.

20 213. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' illegal conduct, Plaintiff and other
21 indirect purchasers have been forced to pay supra-competitive prices for CRT Products. These
22 inflated prices have been passed on to them by direct purchaser manufacturers, distributors and
23 retailers.

24 **X. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

25 214. Plaintiffs bring this action individually and as a class action pursuant to the
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1 provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of all members of the
2 following class (the “Nationwide Class”):

3 All persons and or entities who or which indirectly purchased in the Commonwealth
4 of Massachusetts for their own use and not for resale, CRT Products manufactured
5 and/or sold by the Defendants, or any subsidiary, affiliate, or co-conspirator thereof, at
6 any time during the period from at least March 1, 1995 through at least November
7 25, 2007. Specifically excluded from this Class are the Defendants; the officers,
8 directors or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any Defendant has a
9 controlling interest; and, any affiliate, legal representative, heir or assign of any
10 Defendant. Also excluded are named co-conspirators, any federal, state or local
11 government entities, any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of
12 his/her immediate family and judicial staff, and any juror assigned to this action.

13 215. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and as a class action pursuant
14 to the provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and/or the respective state
15 statute – Massachusetts General Laws 93A, on behalf of all members of the following State
16 class or subclass (collectively “Massachusetts Indirect Purchaser State Class”):

17 216. Each of the Indirect Purchaser State Classes is defined as follows:

18 All persons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who or which indirectly purchased
19 for their own use and not for resale, CRT Products manufactured and/or sold by the
20 Defendants, or any subsidiary, affiliate, or co-conspirator thereof, at any time during the
21 period from at least March 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.

22 Specifically excluded from these Classes are the Defendants; the officers, directors
23 or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling
24 interest; and, any affiliate, legal representative, heir or assign of any Defendant. Also
25 excluded are named co-conspirators, any federal, state or local government entities,
26 any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her immediate
27 family and judicial staff, and any juror assigned to this action.

28 217. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class action
29 pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for the following reasons:

30 a. Members of the proposed Massachusetts Class are ascertainable and
31 there is a well defined community of interest among members of the
32 Classes;

b. Based upon the nature of trade and commerce involved and the number of indirect purchasers of CRT Products, Plaintiffs believe that the number of Class members is very large, and therefore joinder of all Class members is not practicable;

c. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of Class members' claims because Plaintiffs indirectly purchased CRT Products manufactured by Defendants or their co-conspirators, and therefore Plaintiffs' claims arise from the same common course of conduct giving rise to the claims of the members of the Classes and the relief sought is common to the Classes;

d. The following common questions of law or fact, among others, exist as to the members of the Classes:

i. Whether Defendants formed and operated a combination or conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain, or stabilize the prices of CRT Products;

ii. Whether the combination or conspiracy caused CRT Product prices to be higher than they would have been in the absence of Defendants' conduct;

iii. The operative time period of Defendants' combination or conspiracy.

iv. Whether Defendants' conduct caused injury to the business or property of Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes;

v. The appropriate measure of the amount of damages suffered by the Classes;

vi. Whether Defendants' conduct violates Section 1 of the

1 Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1) as alleged in the First Claim for Relief;

2 vii. Whether Defendants' conduct violates the Indirect Purchaser

3 States' antitrust laws as alleged in the Second Claim for Relief;

4 viii. Whether Defendants' conduct violates the unfair competition

5 and consumer protection laws of the Consumer Protection States as

6 alleged in the Third Claim for Relief;

7 ix. The appropriate nature of class-wide equitable relief.

8 e. These and other questions of law and fact common to the members
9 of the Classes predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including
10 legal and factual issues relating to liability and damages;

11 f. After determination of the predominant common issues identified
12 above, if necessary or appropriate, the Classes can be divided into logical and manageable
13 subclasses;

14 g. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Classes
15 in that Plaintiffs have no interests that are antagonistic to other members of the Classes and have
16 retained counsel competent and experienced in the prosecution of class actions and antitrust
17 litigation to represent them and the Classes;

18 h. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and
19 efficient adjudication of this litigation since individual joinder of all damaged Class members is
20 impractical. The damages suffered by the individual Class members are relatively small, given
21 the expense and burden of individual prosecution of the claims asserted in this litigation. Thus,
22 absent the availability of class action procedures it would not be feasible for Class members to
23 redress the wrongs done to them. Even if the Class members could afford individual litigation,
24 the court system could not. Further, individual litigation presents the potential for inconsistent or
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1 contradictory judgments and would greatly magnify the delay and expense to all parties and the
2 court system. Therefore, the class action device presents far fewer case management difficulties
3 and will provide the benefits of unitary adjudication, economy of scale and comprehensive
4 supervision in a single court;

5 i. Defendants have acted, and/or refused to act, on grounds generally
6 applicable to the Classes, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief with respect to the
7 Classes as a whole; and

8 j. In the absence of a class action, Defendants would be unjustly
9 enriched because they would be able to retain the benefits and fruits of its wrongful conduct.

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12 **XI. VIOLATIONS ALLEGED**

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14 **A. First Claim for Relief: Violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act**

15 218. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
16 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

17 219. Beginning at a time unknown to Plaintiffs, but at least as early as March 1, 1995,
18 through at least November 25, 2007, the exact dates being unknown to Plaintiffs and exclusively
19 within the knowledge of Defendants, Defendants and their co-conspirators, entered into a
20 continuing agreement, understanding, and conspiracy to unreasonably restrain trade and
21 commerce in the United States, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. §1.

220. In particular, Defendants have combined and conspired to fix, raise, maintain or
23 stabilize the prices of CRT Products sold in the United States.

221. Defendants, by their unlawful conspiracy, artificially raised, inflated and
26 maintained the market prices of CRT Products as herein alleged.

222. The contract, combination or conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement,

1 understanding and concert of action among Defendants and their co-conspirators, the substantial
2 terms of which were to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the prices of CRT Products they sold in
3 the United States and elsewhere.

4 223. In formulating and carrying out the alleged agreement, understanding, and
5 conspiracy, the Defendants and their co-conspirators did those things that they combined and
6 conspired to do, including, but not limited to the acts, practices, and course of conduct set forth
7 above, and the following, among others:

- 8 a. Participated in meetings and conversations to discuss the prices and
9 supply of CRT Products in the United States and elsewhere;
- 10 b. Agreed to manipulate prices and limit supply of CRT Products sold in the
11 United States and elsewhere in a manner that deprived direct and indirect
12 purchasers of CRT Products of free and open competition;
- 13 c. Issued price announcements and price quotations in accordance with the
14 agreements reached;
- 15 d. Sold CRT Products to customers in the United States at non-competitive prices;
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- 17 e. Invoiced customers in the United States at the agreed-upon, fixed prices for
18 CRT Products and transmitting such invoices via U.S. mail and other interstate
19 means of delivery.

20 224. The combination and conspiracy alleged herein has had the following effects,
21 among others:

- 22 a. Price competition in the sale of CRT Products has been restrained,
23 suppressed and/or eliminated in the United States;
- 24 b. Prices for CRT Products sold by Defendants and their co-conspirators have
25 been fixed, raised, maintained and stabilized at artificially high, non-
26 competitive levels throughout the United States; and

c. Those who purchased CRT Products directly or indirectly from Defendants have been deprived the benefits of free and open competition.

225. As a direct result of the unlawful conduct of Defendants and their co-conspirators in furtherance of their continuing contract, combination or conspiracy, Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class have been injured and will continue to be injured in their business and property by paying more for CRT Products purchased indirectly from the Defendants and their co-conspirators than they would have paid and will pay in the absence of the combination and conspiracy.

226. These violations are continuing and will continue unless enjoined by this Court.

227. Pursuant to Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26, Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class seek the issuance of an injunction against Defendants, preventing and restraining the violations alleged herein.

B. Second Claim For Relief: Violation of MGL 93A – the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Statute

228. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Massachusetts.

b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Massachusetts; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout

1 Massachusetts; (3) Plaintiff paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for
2 CRT Products.

3 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected
4 Massachusetts commerce.

5 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs
6 have been economically injured and are threatened with further injury.

7 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
8 restraint of trade in violation of Mass. Gen. Laws 93A.

9 Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks all forms of relief available under Mass. Gen. Law 93A.

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11 **C. Third Claim for Relief: Violation of MGL 93A – the Massachusetts**
12 **Consumer Protection Statute**

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14 229. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the
15 preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

16 230. Defendants engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or
17 fraudulent acts or practices in violation of the state consumer protection and unfair competition
18 statutes listed below.

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20 231. Plaintiff incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
21 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint, and further allege as follows:

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23 a. Beginning on a date unknown to Plaintiff, but at least as early as March 1,
24 1995, and continuing thereafter at least up through and including November 25,
25 2007, Defendants committed and continue to commit acts of unfair competition,
26 as defined by MGL 93A – the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Statute, by
27 engaging in the acts and practices specified above.

b. This claim is instituted pursuant to MGL 93A – the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Statute, to obtain restitution from these Defendants for acts, as alleged herein because they are violative of Massachusetts law and entitle the Plaintiffs to up to treble damages plus attorney fees and costs.

c. The Defendants' conduct as alleged herein violated MGL 93A. The acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures of Defendants, as alleged herein, constituted a common continuous and continuing course of conduct of unfair competition by means of unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business acts or practices.

d. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures, as described above, whether or not concerted or independent acts, are otherwise unfair, deceptive, unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent.

e. Defendants' act and practices are unfair to consumers of CRT Products in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and throughout the United States, within the meaning of MGL 93A.

f. Plaintiffs and each of the absent Massachusetts Indirect Purchaser Class members are entitled to full restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business acts or practices.

g. The illegal conduct alleged herein is continuing and there is no indication that Defendants will not continue such activity into the future.

h. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, have caused and continue to cause the Plaintiff and the members of the Massachusetts Indirect Purchaser Class to pay supra-competitive

1 and artificially-inflated prices for CRT Products. The Massachusetts Plaintiff and
2 the members of the Class suffered injury in fact economic loss as a result of such
3 unfair competition.

4 i. The conduct of Defendants as alleged in this Complaint violates MGL 93A –
5 the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Statute.

6 j. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have
7 been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by
8 Defendants' unfair competition. The Plaintiff and the members of the
9 Massachusetts Indirect Purchaser Class are accordingly entitled to equitable relief
10 including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits,
11 compensation and benefits which may have been obtained by Defendants as a
12 result of such business practices, pursuant to MGL 93A – the Massachusetts
13 Consumer Protection Statute.

14 **D. Fourth Claim for Relief: Unjust Enrichment and Disgorgement of Profits**

15 232. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
16 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

17 233. Defendants have been unjustly enriched through overpayments by Plaintiff and the
18 Class members and the resulting profits.

19 234. Under common law principles of unjust enrichment, Defendants should not be
20 permitted to retain the benefits conferred via overpayments by Plaintiffs and class members in
21 Massachusetts.

22 235. Plaintiffs and class members in each of the states listed above seek disgorgement
23 of all profits resulting from such overpayments and establishment of a constructive trust from
24 which Plaintiff and the Class members may seek restitution.

XII. FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT

236. Throughout the relevant period, Defendants affirmatively and fraudulently concealed their unlawful conduct against Plaintiff and the Classes.

237. Plaintiff and the members of the Massachusetts Class did not discover, and could not discover through the exercise of reasonable diligence, that Defendants were violating the law as alleged herein until shortly before this litigation was commenced. Nor could Plaintiff and the Massachusetts Class members have discovered the violations earlier than that time because Defendants conducted their conspiracy in secret, concealed the nature of their unlawful conduct and acts in furtherance thereof, and fraudulently concealed their activities through various other means and methods designed to avoid detection. In addition, the conspiracy was by its nature self-concealing.

238. Defendants engaged in a successful, illegal price-fixing conspiracy with respect to CRT Products, which they affirmatively concealed, in at least the following respects:

- a. By agreeing among themselves not to discuss publicly, or otherwise reveal, the nature and substance of the acts and communications in furtherance of their illegal scheme, and by agreeing to expel those who failed to do so;
- b. By agreeing among themselves to limit the number of representatives from each Defendant attending the meetings so as to avoid detection;
- c. By agreeing among themselves to refrain from listing the individual representatives of the Defendants in attendance at meetings in any meeting report;
- d. By agreeing among themselves to refrain from taking meeting minutes or taking any kind of written notes during the meetings;

- e. By giving false and pretextual reasons for their CRT Product price increases during the relevant period and by describing such pricing falsely as being the result of external costs rather than collusion;
- f. By agreeing among themselves on what to tell their customers about price changes, and agreeing upon which attendee would communicate the price change to which customer;
- g. By agreeing among themselves to quote higher prices to certain customers than the fixed price in effect to give the appearance that the price was not fixed;
- h. By agreeing among themselves upon the content of public statements regarding capacity and supply;
- i. By agreeing among themselves to eliminate references in expense reports which might reveal the existence of their unlawful meetings; and
- j. By agreeing on other means to avoid detection of their illegal conspiracy to fix the prices of CRT Products.

239. As a result of Defendants' fraudulent concealment of their conspiracy, Plaintiff and the Classes assert the tolling of any applicable statute of limitations affecting the rights of action of Plaintiff and the members of the Classes.

XIII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray as follows:

A. That the Court determine that the claims alleged herein under the Sherman Act, state antitrust laws, state consumer protection and/or unfair competition laws may be maintained as a class action under Rule 23(a), (b)(2), and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as informed by the respective state class action laws;

1 B. That the Court adjudge and decree that the unlawful conduct, contract,
2 combination and conspiracy alleged herein constitutes:

3 a. A violation of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. §1, as alleged in the First Claim for
4 Relief;

5 b. Violation of the MGL 93A – the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Statute
6 in the Second and Third Claims for Relief;

7 c. Acts of unjust enrichment as set forth in the Fourth Claim for Relief herein.

8 C. That Plaintiffs and the Massachusetts Indirect Purchaser State Classes
9 recover damages, as provided by the state antitrust, consumer protection, and unfair competition
10 laws alleged herein, and that a joint and several judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the putative
11 Massachusetts Class be entered against the Defendants in an amount to be trebled plus attorney
12 fees, interest and costs in accordance with such law;

13 D. That Defendants, their co-conspirators, successors, transferees, assigns,
14 parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and the officers, directors, partners, agents and employees
15 thereof, and all other persons acting or claiming to act on behalf of Defendants, or in concert
16 with them, be permanently enjoined and restrained from, in any manner, directly or indirectly,
17 continuing, maintaining or renewing the combinations, conspiracy, agreement, understanding
18 or concert of action, or adopting or following any practice, plan, program or design having a
19 similar purpose or effect in restraining competition;

20 E. That Plaintiffs and the Classes be awarded restitution, including
21 disgorgement of profits obtained by Defendants as a result of its acts of unfair competition
22 and acts of unjust enrichment;

23 F. That the Court award Plaintiffs and the Classes they represent pre-
24 judgment and post-judgment interest as permitted by law;

1 G. That Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes recover their costs of suit,
2 including reasonable attorneys' fees as provided by law; and

3 H. That the Court award Plaintiff and the Classes they represent such other
4 and further relief as may be necessary and appropriate.

5 **XIV. JURY DEMAND**

6 Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury of all of the claims asserted in this Complaint so
7 triable.

8 Respectfully submitted,

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